

Teams are Powerful!

Jesus' prayer in John 17 obviously indicated he has a significant goal for our lives. And that goal is to be pursued as a team rather than alone. This week we will look at Jesus' prayer and then at some stories from the "Springs of Life" booklet.

Before your group gathers, read

- **"Introduction: Ahhhh!" (p.1)**
- **"Workplace" (p.13) and**
- **"Education" (p.15)**

Read John 17: 20-23

Jesus in John 17 shares some interesting concepts about relationships. Read these over. Then look at the context in the Bible. What do they say about the kind of relationships we should exhibit?

- "I in them and you in me" vs 23
- "complete unity" vs 23
- "be one" vs 21 and 22
- "in us" vs 21

What is unity?

How does it differ from uniformity
or unanimity?

Jesus also talks about the power of this kind of relationship. The "world" is mentioned twice. Both times it says the world will know that the Father sent the Son when they see our unity.

- How does how we treat one another help the world know that God sent His Son?
- Where does the world see how Christians treat one another? List three or four likely places.
- Which of these places are they (folks who need Jesus) will most likely to see how Christians treat one another? Where are they least likely to see how we interact?

"I'm praying not only for them

But also for those who will believe in me

Because of them and their witness about me.

The goal is for all of them to become one heart and mind—

Just as you, Father, are in me and I in you,

So they might be one heart and mind with us.

Then the world might believe that you, in fact, sent me.

The same glory you gave me, I gave them,

So they'll be as unified and together as we are—

I in them and you in me.

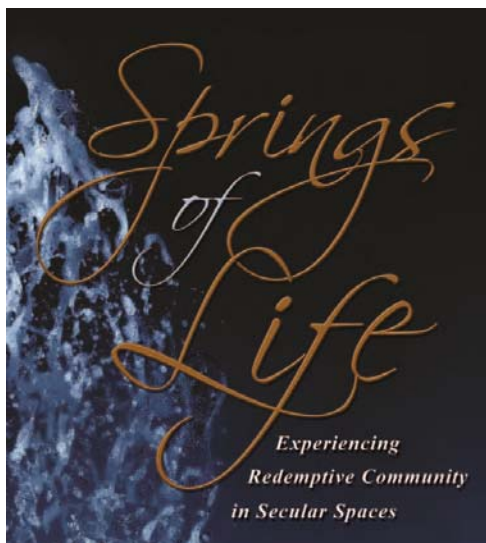
Then they'll be mature in this oneness,

And give the godless world evidence

That you've sent me and loved them

In the same way you've loved me."

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Talk about the story... Workplace (p.13)

- How did John Miller demonstrate the truth of John 17:20-23 when he asked 15 fellow employees to gather for prayer?
- Is your workplace a possible location for a "Spring of Life?" What are some other possible locations? Pick two of the best options and list them on the inside back cover of the "Springs of Life" booklet.



Did Jesus intend our evangelism to be like golf or basketball? Is it a one-person effort or best done by a team. Does one person have to take the ball from the "t" to the cup all alone or should we learn to pass the ball? Is there anything inherently God-like when we work together in evangelism?

Talk about the story... "Education" (p. 15)

- Jane is planning to use her home for PTA meetings. How can inviting people into our home advance the gospel?
- Linda also uses her home as a tool for the gospel. How does an invitation to ones home, help people see Jesus?



What does this mean to me?

- Are there other believers at your workplace, school or neighborhood?
- When others see you interact with other believers, what do they see?
- How can you pursue Jesus prayer in John 17 at your workplace, school or neighborhood?

Assignment for next meeting:

- Read Missional Assessment: *The Seed is in the Fruit* (pg. 3)
- Go to a demographics web sit (ie: www.freedemographics.com) and research the ethnic make-up or your area code.
- Pick two or three possible "places" for your spring of life.