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Jesus Prays for His Followers

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Lesson Focus

As Jesus and his disciples went to the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed for God the Father to guard the disciples and to sanctify them. He also prayed for future believers—that all his followers would be unified and that through them the world would know Jesus was from the Father.

Key Passages

Grades 2–3: Matthew 26:36–46; John 17:1–4, 17:20–21

Grades 4–5: Matthew 26:36–46; John 17:1–5, 17:14–21

What You Heard in the Word

- ▶ Jesus prayed that his disciples would be sanctified and protected from the evil one. He also prayed for all his followers, including us today, that we would be unified to spread the gospel and show God's love.
- ▶ Knowing that his death was near, Jesus took 11 disciples to the garden of Gethsemane to pray. Jesus chose to obey the Father's will for him to go to the cross and take the punishment for sinners on himself.

