

## INTEGRITY CHURCH BIBLE STUDY

### GET YOUR LIFE BACK Session 5: The Hidden Life of God in You

#### Core Scripture:

*I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one – I in them and you in me – so that they may be brought into complete unity. John 17:20-23*

#### SUMMARY

- John 17:20-23 is often interpreted as being primarily about church unity and unity with each other. While those are important things, the verse is actually about unity with God. That is the ultimate goal of human existence – a united life with God.
- Sadly, most believers have been given the impression that the sum total of Christian life is faith, obedience, and service. These are all necessary and good things... but not the main invitation.
- Jesus invites us into something far more thrilling and beautiful and intimate than a life of Christian service. The intimacy that we can experience with God is absolutely wonderful.
- We need to remember the God we love. He is a God of beauty, wildness, power, generosity, and intimacy.
- God knows you really well. He knows your heart and what makes you come alive. He will drop reminders into your day that reveal his love for you – and that remind you of the God you love.
- A practice of loving God involves pausing throughout your day and saying, “You are amazing God. This is who you are and what you’re like. I love you.”
- As you put this practice into action, it will actually open your soul up to greater union with God – which is the main thing we are after.

## Discussion Questions

- 1) How has this video session redefined your understanding of what union with God is -and isn't?
- 2) Did you grow up in a church or family where the main tenants were faith, obedience, and service? If so, what effect did that have on your heart and soul?
- 3) The enemy tries to distort our image of God. How has it been helpful for you to remember the God you love? What comes to mind when you do so?
- 4) How does knowing that Jesus wants to be intimately involved in your life and spend time together create a new expectancy for what this hidden life of God in you can be?
- 5) What was your experience like with the "intertwined life" hands practice? Did it provide a new way to understand the meaning of the passage in John 17?
- 6) What are some new ways you want to tell God you love him based on who he is and what he does?