

# CHAMELEON

## Part 1: What Does Jesus Pray for Me?

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### What is Jesus doing right now?

#### Praying for me.

Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. – *Romans 8:34*

### What did Jesus pray for us when he was here?

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– *John 17:13-18*

### A Common Summary of John 17:15

As followers of Jesus, we are to be in the world but not of the world.

### 4 Responses to Jesus' Prayer

**Choice #1:** I will not be of this God-forsaken world but I will not be in it either.

What do we do with Matthew 5:13, Matthew 5:14, and 1 Peter 2:12?

**Choice #2:** I will be in the world... all the way in

What do we do with 1 John 2:15-17, Romans 12:2, and John 15:19?

**Choice #3:** I will do nothing.

What do we do with 2 Timothy 4:3-4?

#### Choice #4: I will believe what Jesus truly prayed for us.

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#### Jesus prayed:

Don't remove them; release them! (vs. 15a)

Don't placate them; protect them! (vs. 15b)

This is not their home (vs. 16)

Set them apart as they live out the living Word of God (vs. 17)

They are not of the world, but are most certainly sent into it (vs. 18)

#### Small Group Questions

- 1) What's on your Top Ten prayer request list? How many of the requests are different from five years ago? How many of them boil down to help me, give me, or bless me?
- 2) Has your prayer life changed at all in the past month? How so?
- 3) Read out loud John 17:15-18. How can you be the answer to Jesus' prayer this week?
- 4) Review the content of the Jesus prayer from the outline. How does this breakdown affect the way you understand being in the world but not of the world?
- 5) What does it mean to “not be of the world but sent into it?”
- 6) What do you need prayer for today?