## John 17:6-19 Jesus prays for his disciples Fintry, 8/12/2013, am (Supper and After)

## Chat with the Children

- Write a collective prayer:
  - picking out who we most naturally pray for, people we care for, and people in need
  - what we pray for, good things for them
  - when you ask your mum/dad/teacher/... for something, do you expect them to ignore you? (no!)
- Jesus prayed for his friends and for us! What will you pray for your friends and family this week?

## **Exposition**

- Recap on where we are in narrative
  - and explore a little of the prayer specifically for these disciples around him vs prayer for all disciples including us...
- Important people write prayers for important occasions and other important people
  - Moderator, Archbishops, Popes...
  - who does Jesus pray for? And what does he pray?
- What has Jesus done with his life?
  - revealed God to those He gave him
- We those whose identity is as those given to Jesus by God...
- Now disciples know who Jesus is the one sent from God, whose every word and action comes from God... (v.7)
- Glory has come to Jesus through disciples! Wow! (v.10)
- Protect -> unity (not towards safety) (v.11)
- Saying this now for disciples' benefit full measure of his joy (v.13)
- Identity: been given God's word (v.14)
- Identity: been hated by the world (v.14)
- Not escape from the world, but protection from the evil one (what would he want to do to disciples?) - in but not of (v.15-16)
- Aspiration/aim towards sanctification (Jesus' sanctifies himself, that they may be truly sanctified) (v.17)
- Sent as Jesus sent (v.18) missionaries
  - missionaries to the Dundonians; unreached people group

## So?

- Know who we are
- Give glory to Jesus
- Work for unity
- Don't be surprised by hatred
- Be distinct/sanctified
- · Go into the world as missionaries