

That the World May Believe

John 17:20-26

Notice the purpose clauses in this passage:

Part One

- v. 20 Jesus is praying for us who believe the gospel
- v. 21 so that we may be one
- v. 21 so that we may be in relationship with God
- v. 21 so that the world may believe in Jesus

Part Two

- v. 22 Jesus gives glory
- v. 22 so that we might be one
- v. 23 so that we might be perfectly one
- v. 23 so that the world may believe in Jesus; knowledge more than in the head but in the heart.

Part Three

- v. 24 Jesus prays that we might receive what he has received
- v. 24 so that we might be with him
- v. 24 so that we might see his glory

Part Four

- v. 25 Jesus made the Father known
- v. 25 so that we might experience within us the love of God and Jesus in close relationship

Primary Elements of Fulfilling our Mission

1. We are at our best when we are united.
How are we united?
 - a. In the Spirit (John 15:26, 27, 16:13)
 - b. In our actions
 - c. In our message (theology)
2. We are at our best when we are in right relationship with Christ.