

**Sunday, May 16, 2021 – Easter Hill United Methodist Church**

**Bible Study – John 17:6-19  
“We Are Yours”**

Open with a word of prayer

**Gathering Time** (5-10 minutes) In pairs or groups of three, have participants talk about an act of love someone else has shown them.

**Read John 17:6-19**

What touches your heart, what do you hear in the scripture, what questions do you have, or what doesn't make sense to you in the story?

Write down your thoughts or share your thoughts with the person or group you are with.

**Read John 17:6-19 again.**

**Some reflection questions – Write down your thoughts or share your thoughts with the person or group you are with.**

- What might Jesus mean by stating that his disciples “do not belong to the world” (v. 16)?  
Hint: Our values come from being part of the kingdom of God, not from this world.]
- What might it mean when Jesus observes that we have been “sent into the world” (v. 18)?
- How does it make you feel when Jesus asks the father to protect the disciples from the evil one (v. 15)?
- How is the church “one” (v. 11)?
- How is the mission of the church connected to glorifying God?
- How does our church glorify God? How does our church intentionally display God's love for the world?

**Closing Reflection Question**

How is this scripture calling you to change, to see, to be or what might it be calling you to do?

**Prayer** (10 minutes). Each person prays sharing their answer the following statements:

I ask God for....

I thank God for.....

**Sending Forth** (2 minutes). After all, have shared, pray the closing prayer. Ask for a volunteer to lead the group or read the following prayer in unison:

Loving God, give us a renewed assurance of your steadfast love—your love that will never leave us, never forsake us, and never let us go. Your love that seeks us and draws us closer into your holiness. Grant us a holiness of heart and life that we might glorify you in all we do and say.

**Amen.**

And now we pray The Lord's Prayer...

Our Father who art in Heaven  
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.