

## **John 17:6-19**

### **Questions**

1. (Ice-breaker) Have you ever done something others regard as “dangerous”? Did you employ any “protection” while doing it?
  
2. (John 17:6-11) Do you find these verses, distinguishing those people who are “of the world” and those God “gave” Jesus out of the world, characteristic of the rest of the Bible or uncharacteristic? What representative verses from the rest of the Bible are you thinking of?
  
3. (John 17:12-16)
  - a. Do you believe in a personal devil? Why or why not?
  
  - b. Do you believe that the “academic, business, and professional community between UNC and Duke” is friendly to Christian conviction or hostile? Why or why not?
  
4. (John 17:17-19)
  - a. If “the elect” are eternally secure because they are chosen by God before the creation of the world (cf. John 17:2, 6, 9 and Ephesians 1:3), why does Jesus need to pray for their protection, and why do we need to be sanctified or increasingly made “holy” in this life (cf. John 17:17; I Thessalonians 4:3; Philippians 2:12-13)?
  
  - b. What is our responsibility in our “protection” or preservation in the faith, and what should you be doing to fulfill it that you are not currently?
  
  - c. What is the greater danger for you personally-- that you would sin by withdrawing from the world (not being “in it,” see verse 18) or that you would sin by conforming too much to it (being “of it,” see verse 16, cf. Romans 12:1-2)? Does an application present itself in your answer?
  
5. (Conclusion) What one verse in this passage do you believe God most wants you to meditate on and apply to your life in the coming week? Why?