CTK Community Group Sermon Discussion Questions & Announcements Week of 6/20/21

Sermon Discussion Questions | John 17

- 1. Read John 17. List the petitions Jesus makes. Which ones are you drawn to and why?
- 2. Pray these petitions for each other and CTK.
- 3. Read and meditate together on John 17:26. What does Jesus offer us through praying we would know the same love the Father had for him?
- 4. My three examples were:
 - a. Loved **Eternally** why is this so crucial for us (hint: unconditional)
 - b. **Ennobled** by the Father's love think made worthy or the power of blessing. Matthew 3:17,17:5 How does this apply to us?
 - c. Extravagant. How did the Father show his extravagance to Jesus? How do we receive the same love?
- 5. Bonus discussion: Look low, go low. Read this quote from Nightbirde:

David French writes:

Jane Marczweski goes by the stage name "Nightbirde," and she's a young Christian woman facing a terrible cancer diagnosis. The clip below sent me down a rabbit hole of her work, and I came across this searing and honest post by a believer in pain. These words ... wow:

I see mercy in the dusty sunlight that outlines the trees, in my mother's crooked hands, in the blanket my friend left for me, in the harmony of the wind chimes. It's not the mercy that I asked for, but it is mercy nonetheless. And I learn a new prayer: thank you. It's a prayer I don't mean yet, but will repeat until I do.

Call me cursed, call me lost, call me scorned. But that's not all. Call me chosen, blessed, sought-after. Call me the one who God whispers his secrets to. I am the one whose belly is filled with loaves of mercy that were hidden for me.

Even on days when I'm not so sick, sometimes I go lay on the mat in the afternoon light to listen for Him. I know it sounds crazy, and I can't really explain it, but God is in there—even now. God is on the bathroom floor. I have heard it said that some people can't see God because they won't look low enough, and it's true. Look lower. God is on the bathroom floor.

Announcements:

- This summer, the women of the church are invited to join the **Women's Ministry Book Club, which will** be reading *Prayer in the Night*, written by Tish Warren. The first meeting will be Tuesday, June 22 at the home of Kelly Sawyer. Some meetings will be online, some will be in-person. See the website calendar for dates and times. If you need a copy of the book, email women@ctkcambridge.org.
- This August marks the 25th anniversary for Christ the King Presbyterian Church, and we're excited to celebrate. We're looking for a small team of party-planners to help organize a fun event to celebrate the work the Lord has done in Cambridge over these last 25 years! If you're interested in helping or learning more, please email Laura.