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One Response

Intro: Story of Thailand Youth Soccer Team trapped in cave for 18 days . . .

Read: John 17:5-12

I. Jesus Prays for His Former Glory to be Restored

“And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.” John 17:5

Paul says it best:

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:5-11

II. Jesus Prays for His Disciples

“To belong to Jesus requires the courage to be different, to be like Jesus, actually, for the sake of the world. To belong to Jesus is to take part in his mission from God to the world, to live out that divine love for the world that moved God to give up his Son.”

III. Jesus Prays for Unity among the Disciples

“And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.” John 17:11

What is our highest value as a church? That we would all be the same, believe the same way, have the same opinions?

What is “Oneness”? It is not sameness . . .

“Over the past ten days, the rescue operation has brought the Thai people together in this politically polarized country, in the hope that the boys and their coach would be found alive.”

Conclusions: