



Handout for week of 6/2/19 Jn. 17: 20-26 & Acts 7: 55-60

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ENTERING THE SCENE:

Richard Rohr teaches: Prayer is something that happens to you), much more than anything you privately do. It is an allowing of the Big Self more than an assertion of the small self. Eventually you will find yourself preferring to say, “Prayer happened, and I was there” more than “I prayed today.” All you know is that you are being led, being guided, being loved, being used, being prayed through—and you are no longer in the driver’s seat. God stops being an object of attention like any other object in the world, and becomes at some level your own “I am.” You start knowing through, with, and in Somebody Else. Your little “I Am” becomes “We Are.”

If you have even been with someone who is leaving you long before you are ready, you might get in touch the range of emotions that probably echo those in that room of the last supper.

Jn. 17: ²⁰ “I **ask** not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will **believe** in me **through their word**, ²¹ that they may all **be one**. As you,

Father, are **in me** and I am **in you**, may they also be **in us**, so that the **world** may **believe** that you have **sent me**. ²² The **glory** that you have **given** me I have **given** them, so that they may **be one**, as we are one, ²³ **I in them** and you **in me**, that they may become **completely one**, so that the **world** may **know** that you have sent me and have **loved them** even as you have **loved me**. ²⁴ **Father**, I desire that those also, whom you have **given me**, may be **with me where I am**, to see my **glory**, which you have **given me** because you loved me before the foundation of the **world**. “Righteous **Father**, the **world** does not **know you**, but I **know you**; and these **know** that you have **sent me**. ²⁶ I made your **name known** to them, and I will make it **known**, so that the love with which you have loved me may be **in them**, and I **in them**.”

DISCUSSION QUESTION: Jesus is asking the Father to help us be with him and each other in ways that go beyond thinking to feeling. How do you think you would be feeling if you were there that night?

PRAYER: Gentle Jesus, I hear you praying for me and it plunges me into a place of union with you and all those around and in me. You help me get in touch with God’s love in ways that helps me to see how interconnected we all are with you and each other. I still am in the world, so by necessity my knowledge is incomplete. Help me as I open myself to being in and with you and all the others you have given me in my life. Amen