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John's Vision for both Christian Life and Christian Community:

- _____ and _____.

"Eternal Life is not just a _____, it is an _____ enjoyed in the _____."

-Gary Burge

"The wonder of prayer consists not in bringing God's will down to us, but in _____ our will up to His."

-Robert Law

How does John view prayer?

- as a _____ formed by a shared _____: The Will of God.
  - Thus, God's actions in answering prayer can only _____ with His will.

What does John want for his church?

- To be _____ in who they are in Christ.

One Thing:

- The Will of God will be lived out _____ His _____.

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Sermon Notes

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1. When you pray, are you confident that God hears you? What gives you confidence or what sometimes makes that confidence difficult?

2. Have you ever entered prayer hoping God would change a situation, only to discover that God was changing you? What happened?

3. **Read 1 John 5:14-15.** What does it mean to ask "according to God's will"? How is this different from simply attaching "if it is your will" to the end of a request? Does this impact your existing understanding of prayer at all?

4. **Read John 15:4-7 alongside 1 John 5:14-15.** How does abiding in Christ shape what we desire and how we pray?

5. The sermon describes prayer as "a dialogue formed by a shared language: the will of God." How do **Scripture**, **Christian community**, and **the life of Jesus** help us learn that language?

6. **Read 1 John 5:18-20** and identify John's three statements beginning with "We know." What assurance does each statement offer? Which one do you feel speaks to you the most right now?

7. John ends his letter with the command, "Dear children, keep yourselves from idols." Why might this be the appropriate conclusion to the entire letter?

8. Our One Thing says, *"The will of God will be lived out through His people."* What could God's will look like when lived through this LifeGroup? Is there one need your group could pray over and respond to together?

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LifeGroup Questions