Text: John 17:1-5; 13-19

Purpose: Because Jesus is our intercessor we can grow in becoming people who intercede for ourselves and others.

Opening Question: Was there a time when you felt someone was praying for you and it helped?

Read and Discuss: John 17:1-5

- 1. How does Jesus pray for Himself in this prayer? What kinds of things do we need to intercede for ourselves?
- 2. What hurdles do you have to overcome about praying for yourself? How does Jesus' example of praying for Himself help you have freedom in praying for yourself?
- 3. How do you listen to God when you pray? What kinds of things has God revealed or nudged you to pray for?

Read and Discuss: John 17:13-19

- 4. How does Jesus pray for His friends? Other than yourself, who do you pray for?
- 5. When was a time you prayed for someone else and saw God work?
- 6. How is persistence in prayer helpful for you? Who are the people in your life that you will persistently pray for?
- 7. What motivates you when you get discouraged in praying for others?
- 8. When is the best time for you to pray? Where is the best place for you to pray?