Wind Telephone

John 17:24

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What is the point?

I. We must display the unity of God.
II. Our message must be clear
III. Christ’s presence must be our longing.
IV. Unwrapping Christ’s glory must be our delight.
V. Loving Christ as God loved Christ, must be our passion.
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Scripture Reading

John 17:20-26
Pastor:

20 “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;
Congregation:

21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.
Pastor:

22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:
Congregation:

23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.
Pastor:

24 “Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.
Congregation:

25 O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me.
Pastor:  

26 And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”
Further reflection – Have you ever thought about

I. The passion in Christ’s voice?
   A. In three days He would see them again.
   B. In a few months He would take up residence in them along with the coming of the HS.
   C. But it will be years before there is face to face fellowship again.
Further reflection – Have you ever thought about

I. The passion in Christ’s voice?

II. Are we passionate enough about wanting to see Christ?
   A. Christ has promised to never leave us.
   B. His indwelling ministry.
   C. Christ is seen in the body, the church is Christ’s body.
“as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf,” (Colossians 1:7)
“for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ “Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’” (Matthew 25:35–39)
“You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.”

(2 Corinthians 3:2–3)
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   D. But what a day it will be to see Jesus face to face in glorified bodies!
Conclusion

Discover Jesus Christ and you discover the longing of your heart
Conclusion – Where do we go from here?

Communion
“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.” (John 14:3)
“When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.”
(Colossians 3:4)
“Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.” (1 Thessalonians 4:17)
Communion