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The glory of God really mattered to Jesus.

"...since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed."

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The Truth really mattered to Jesus.

"Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth."

The concept of relative truth is crumbling under the weight of our desire for 100% absolute truth.

Love and unity in the Church really mattered to Jesus.

Multigenerational relational discipleship really mattered to Jesus. The Father sent Jesus. Jesus is sending the disciples to make disciples who will make disciples.

"The call to unity is the summons to show in relational practice what is already true in spiritual reality."

"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."

"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word..."

"...that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

"The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one..." "...I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me."

"I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

If we are to be a people to whom doctrine matters, then we must also be a people to whom unity matters; otherwise our doctrine isn't very sound.

The world knowing He was sent by the Father to accomplish something really mattered to Jesus.

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Does what matters to Jesus really matter to us?

Jesus is in a garden. Something awful is about to happen. He is not hiding from the Father. He is talking to him. He's praying about glory. He's praying about truth. He's praying about unity. He's praying for the Church. He's praying for you and me.

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May the world get a picture of what really matters to Jesus when they hear our words and see our lives.