

Life Group Study Guide

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 - As people created in the image of our Triune God, why then is loneliness so painful?
 - Reflect on the prayer of Jesus found in John 17:20-21. What did it take for Jesus’ prayer to become a reality? What did it cost the Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
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