The Lord Bless You and Keep You
November 1, 2026 – Jamie Brown Truro Church

Discussion & Reflection Questions

1. Think of a time when you had to place into the care of another person someone whom you love(d)—perhaps a child, a spouse, or a parent. At the time, what feelings did you have, and what thoughts crossed your mind?

2. Jesus said to the Father that he "kept them [those who trust in him] in your name" (v. 12) and that now he is asking that the Father "keep them in your name" (v. 11). What does it mean for us to be kept in the Father's name?

3. Jesus also prayed to the Father that those who trust in him would "be one, even as you and I are one" (v.11). He wanted them to have unity.

    a. At Truro, where do you see evidence of our unity with one other?

    b. At Truro, where are we lacking in unity?

4. Re-read the second half of v. 12.

    a. What, if anything, do you find difficult in this sentence?

    b. Read John 6:64. How might that verse help us understand 17:12b?

5. Jamie used the expression "Monkey Bar Christianity" (see p. 4 above). What is it and what's wrong with it?

6. *Answer this question in pairs.* In v. 13, we see that the purpose of all that Jesus did was so that we may have his joy fulfilled in us. And, it is Jesus (not us) who fulfills us with his joy.

    a. Where do you see Jesus' joy fulfilled in your life?

    b. What areas of your life seem to lack Jesus' joy?

    c. Pray with one another. Give thanks for where Jesus' joy is evident in your partner's life, and ask that he/she will see the fulfillment of Jesus' joy in areas where it seems to be lacking.