

# Journeying with Jesus

## Week 4: Jesus' heart for the church

### Bible story: Jesus prays for his church

Read John 17:9–26 (be warned: not an easy read)

OR

Read it in 'The Message' translation

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Watch on YouTube:

- 'Jesus prays for his disciples' (Tony Ephraims)

#### FOR PARENTS:

Check out chapter 11 'Helping children engage with church' in Rachel Turner's *Parenting Children for a Life of Faith* (omnibus edition).

### Think about...

- Radical love is the sort of love Jesus showed – giving all, holding nothing back and putting others first. Where have you seen that in the church – both big and little?
- What's your experience of the Holy Spirit? How has he transformed and equipped you?

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#### Key Tool 5

### Surf the waves

- Where are you passionate about serving your church right now?
- How can you get involved in this area if you're not already?



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### Spark a conversation

Which is your favourite biblical picture of what the church is like? For example, the body of Christ (Colossians 1:18); the bride of Christ (Ephesians 5:22–30); a flock of sheep (John 10:1–18); a vine with branches (John 15:1–8); a family (John 1:12–13).