

Discussion Questions

October 10, 2018

This past Sunday we looked at how a disciple prays. Tonight, we are going to examine Jesus' prayer in John 17. This is one of Jesus' longest prayers and comes right before he is arrested. The first part of the prayer (1-5), is Jesus talking to God about himself. The last part of the prayer (20-23), is Jesus praying for future disciples, which would be us.

John 17:1-5, 20-23

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, **2** since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. **3** And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. **4** I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. **5** And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

20 I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, **21** 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. **22** The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, **23** 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.

What is still lingering or making you think from the sermon?

What is interesting or difficult about this passage?

What does this teach about the nature of people?

What does this teach about the character of God?

What can you learn about the gospel from this passage? How does this passage point to the gospel?

Can you identify a promise to claim, a command to obey, a truth to believe, an example to follow?

How could someone apply this to their lives?

Application – To be done on your own during the week

Spend at least 10 minutes every day in prayer using the ACTS method.

Adoration – praising God for who he is

Confession – confessing your sins and shortcomings to God

Thanksgiving – thanking God for what he has done

Supplication – asking for personal needs and requests