

## What Jesus Prays For John 17:1–26

### SERMON OUTLINE

Our prayers reveal our deepest desires and priorities.

#### I. Jesus Prays for Himself (vv. 1–5)

- A. Jesus' primary burden: "Father, glorify me"
- B. Jesus is justified in making this request
  - 1. He has accomplished His mission
  - 2. He has been given authority to give eternal life
- C. Jesus' desire for His own glory:
  - 1. Jesus wants His glory to be seen
  - 2. Jesus wants His glory to be shown
  - 3. Jesus wants His glory to be shared
  - 4. Jesus wants His glory to be savored

#### II. Jesus Prays for His Apostles (vv. 6–19)

- A. The preparation of the apostles
- B. The protection of the apostles
- C. The consecration of the apostles
  - 1. They are set apart (as holy) for service unto God
  - 2. Jesus cares about the character of His servants
  - 3. We are sanctified by the truth of the Word of God

#### III. Jesus Prays for You and Me (vv. 20–26)

- A. Jesus wants us to be united with one another
  - 1. Not unanimity or uniformity
  - 2. Love for one another
- B. Jesus wants believers to be united with Him forever

### APPLICATIONS

- See, show, share, and savor the glory of Jesus
- Your personal holiness matters to God and should be of the utmost importance to you
- We can disagree on things, but still love & be unified

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Is there a funny or memorable prayer you've heard or prayed before? What's your favorite movie prayer?
2. Think through your prayers from the last week or two. What do they tell you about your priorities and desires?
3. How can we practically see, show, share, and savor the glory of Jesus?
4. What are some practical ways we can seek to grow in personal holiness?
5. How can we practically love other believers with whom we disagree? Specifically in this season?

### OTHER QUESTIONS THAT MAY HELP

1. What does this text tell us about God?
2. What does this text tell us about man?
3. What should I put on or put off in my thinking?
4. What should I put on or put off in my doing?

### LAST WEEK'S HOMEWORK

1. Listen to the song (or read the lyrics to "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" and put your gaze upon Christ.
2. Spend time in prayer about your present pain and ask someone in your group to walk with you through the trial.

### HOMEWORK

1. Is there a believer with whom you have disunity? Approach them this week to reconcile and unite under Christ.
2. Make a personal holiness strategy and share with someone in your CG.