

SERMON

TITLE

The High Priestly Prayer of Jesus (Part 1)

John 17:1-5

GROUP DISCUSSION

OPENING DISCUSSION

Read John 17:1-5 as a group and pray together. Reflecting on the sermon this past week, what surprised you, stood out to you, or was new to you? Did anything specifically convict you?

FROM THE MESSAGE

1. How was Jesus glorified on earth and in heaven? Why was Jesus' request to be glorified appropriate rather than selfish? How did Jesus glorify the Father?

2. What work did the Father give Jesus, and how did Jesus' authority over all people equip Him to accomplish it? What does this work and authority reveal about Him?

3. How did Jesus' definition of eternal life expand the idea of simply living forever? What is the difference between knowing facts about God and knowing Him personally? How do we know the Father?

FOR OUR LIVES

1. Think about something you have repeatedly asked God for recently. Does it point to God's glory? How should your prayers change, or how can you emphasize God's glory in your prayers?

2. Which responsibility that God has already given you—in your home, work, church, or relationships—needs more faithful attention, and what specific step will you take this week?

3. Where are you tempted to hold back from obedience because you feel inadequate? How should the sermon's reminder that God empowers His people shape your response?

4. The sermon called us to consider whether we know God personally or merely know about Him. As you consider your own life, what shows that you know God and have been saved by Him? Where do you need to grow in living out that relationship with God and Jesus?