

Sermon Title: SO THAT... So That We Know Him

Sermon Scripture: John 17:1-5



Sermon Discussion Guide (10/4)

Begin the discussion by checking in with each person present and share prayer requests/praises with the group. Then, have one person offer a prayer for the group making sure to include any prayer requests that were mentioned earlier.

Scripture

Read John 17:1-5 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

Observation

When was the first time you heard about Jesus' sacrifice providing us with eternal life? What was your understanding of eternal life then? Has your view on eternal life shifted since then?

We cannot earn eternal life; it is given to us as a gift from Jesus. He loved us so much that He went to the cross so we may have eternal life. In what ways have you thanked Jesus for this gift? (i.e. prayer, serving others, sharing the Gospel, etc.)

When you think about your relationships with other people how well do you "know" them? How do you go out of your way to get to know them? Also, how well do people "know" you? In what ways do you guard your heart or keep emotional walls up? Do you guard yourself in the same way when building a relationship with God?

When we talk about wanting to know Jesus, how and when do you find time to enter into prayer with Him? How and when have you sat at the table with Jesus?

Application

We see that when we know who we belong to, we begin to ask what is my life for? What callings or nudges has God put in your life? How do you discern what is from God or not? How do you answer those callings?

What are your biggest struggles to being faithful to God? How does God and the Holy Spirit give you the strength to overcome them?

Jesus did not seek His own glory apart from the Father but desired to glorify the Father. What areas of your life are most likely to become centered on your own recognition, success, or reputation? What would it look like to intentionally redirect those areas toward glorifying God?

John 17:1–5 connects eternal life, knowing Christ, glorifying God, and faithfully accomplishing God’s work. Which of these areas is strongest in your life right now? Which one needs the most growth?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you for the gift of eternal life. I am thankful that even though you have authority over flesh, you still choose to go to the cross for our benefit. Lord, I pray that you teach us what it means to glorify God. I pray that you teach us how to be the suffering servant, just as you wear. I pray that you show us how to remove the things from our lives that don’t glorify you. Lord, we pray that you send the Holy Spirit when our flesh is weak and we need to be strengthened.