

# JOHN 17:1-18:27

April 14, 2021

1. Prayer is a fundamental part of our faith and yet many of us are not completely satisfied with our prayers. What are some ways you would like to mature in your practice of prayer?
2. Read all of John 17. This is Jesus' longest recorded prayer. For whom does Jesus pray first?
3. Read John 17:1-5 again. What does Jesus request from His Father as He prays?

According to His own words, how did Jesus glorify His Father during His life on earth?

Look or think back over Jesus' story in John so far. What are some of the great works Jesus has already accomplished before He goes to the cross?

4. Look again at John 17:3. How does Jesus describe eternal life for His followers?

What is one way your relationship with Jesus can shape and transform your thoughts, words or actions today?

5. Read John 17:6-19. After Jesus prays for Himself, He then prays for His disciples. Write down all of the ways Jesus describes His disciples in verses 6-10.

Based on what you wrote above, summarize how the disciples bring glory to Jesus.

6. Look back once again at John 17:9-19. What does Jesus request from the Father on behalf of His disciples?

John 17:11

John 17:13

John 17:15

John 17:17, 19

In verse 14, Jesus acknowledges the disciples will be hated by those who do not understand their faith. Thinking about everything Jesus prays in this chapter, how do you think the disciples can experience joy despite the difficulty this hatred will cause?

How might Jesus' prayer influence how you will seek joy today?

7. Take a moment to ponder the things Jesus prayed for His disciples in John 17:9-19. In your own words, summarize what seems to matter most to Jesus on His last day on earth.

What is one practical way your life can more closely reflect Jesus' desires for His followers?

8. Read John 17:20-26. Whom is Jesus now praying for?

9. Read John 17:20-23 again. What is Jesus' primary concern in these verses?

10. Read John 18:1-11. How does Jesus identify Himself in verses 5-6?

Why do you think the soldiers fall to the ground when Jesus identifies Himself? Also see Exodus 3:14.

11. Read John 18:9-10. Contrast the responses of Peter and Jesus to Jesus' arrest.

"The cup" Jesus speaks of in verse 11 refers to His coming crucifixion. Consider what we have learned in John about the relationship between the Father and Son. How do you think Jesus was able to accept God's very difficult plan? Also read Luke 22:41-44.

12. Read John 18:12-14, 19-24. What two things was Jesus questioned about in verse 19?

Describe how you imagine Jesus' tone and demeanor as He responds to Annas' questioning.

13. Read John 18:15-18, 25-27 along with Matthew 26:69-75. What are some things Peter might have begun to truly understand about himself in the moments that followed the rooster crowing?

Like Peter, we are all tempted to deny our faith sometimes. What is one thing you've learned in our study of John that will give you courage to stand firm the next time you face this temptation?

14. Write out a personal prayer request in one or two sentences to share with your small group.

**JESUS LOVES ME. THIS I KNOW.**

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*Jesus Prays for Himself*

17:1-5

- Jesus fully \_\_\_\_\_ to His Father’s plans: arrest, abuse and crucifixion.
- Jesus gives glory to the Father through His perfect obedience.
- Jesus requests that He return to the Father’s side after His work on earth is complete.

PURSUE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS EVERY SINGLE DAY.

*Jesus Prays For the Disciples*

17:6-19

- Jesus praises the disciples for their \_\_\_\_\_ and faithfulness.
- Jesus asks the Father to protect the disciples from evil.
- Jesus desires that the disciples grow in truth and joy.

COMMIT TO GROWING IN SPIRITUAL MATURITY.

*Jesus Prays for All Believers*

17:20-26

- Jesus yearns to be with His followers forever.
- God’s people should be characterized by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Our pattern for unity comes from the relationship between the Father and Son.
  - Our unity draws an unbelieving world toward the Savior.

FIGHT HARD FOR GENUINE UNITY AMONG THE FAMILY OF GOD.

*Jesus is Arrested*

18:1-11

- Judas betrays Jesus.
- Jesus protects His disciples from arrest.
- Peter cuts off a servant’s ear and is rebuked by Jesus.

SUBMIT TO THE LORD’S WAY.

*Jesus is Questioned*

18:12-27

- The High Priest illegally questions Jesus and allows Him to be struck.
- Jesus simply explains His teaching and actions.
- Peter denies knowing Jesus three times, just as Jesus predicted.

DELIGHT IN THE DEEP AND WIDE LOVE OF JESUS.

**JESUS the WORD – John 17:1-18:27**

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**ZEPHANIAH 3:17** “The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.”

**JOHN 3:16-17** “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

**1 JOHN 4:4b** [F]or he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

**JOHN 14:10-11** “Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.”

**PROVERBS 3:5-6** Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.