

# SERMON OUTLINE John 17:1-5

Pray for Glory!

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## **PRAYER FOR THE PURPOSES OF GOD**

### **PRAYER FOR THE GLORY OF GOD**

*The Father Glorified Jesus*

1. *Glorify me since you gave me all authority (2a).*
2. *Glorify me because you gave me the authority to give eternal life (2b).*
3. *Glorify me because I accomplished all your purposes (4).*
4. *Glorify me because we shared eternal glory (5).*

*Jesus Glorified the Father*

1. *Jesus was given authority and gave eternal life, but He acknowledged that all authority, flesh, and life is the Father's to give (2).*
2. *Jesus gave eternal life, but He gave it only to those given to Him by the Father (2).*
3. *Jesus perfectly accomplished His mission, but it was the mission assigned to Him by the Father (3-4).*
4. *Jesus had an eternal glory, but that eternal glory was the result of being eternally begotten from the glory of the Father (5).*

## **PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE**

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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## MAIN POINT

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The big idea of this text/sermon is that Jesus' first impulse regarding the challenge ahead of Him was prayer and His first prayer was for the glory of God and the first prayers of glory were rooted in eternity, authority, salvation, and fulfillment of mission. The main takeaway is to prayerfully seek Jesus' heart in prayer.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Immediately after sharing His final instructions with His disciples, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_. If you didn't already know the answer, how do you imagine that sentence ending? Once you've helped your kids or friends understand what God would have them do (particularly in a time of imminent hardship), what do you usually do immediately after?
3. How do you understand prayer in the most fundamental sense? What is it? What is it for?
4. Which of the six prayer principles from Matthew 6:5-13 stood out to you the most?
5. When life is hard, what do you tend to pray for first? What do you tend to pray for most?
6. Which description of the Father glorifying Jesus seems most glorious to you?
7. Which description of Jesus glorifying the Father seems most glorious to you?
8. In your own words, why is Jesus better able to glorify the Father after the Father first glorifies Him?
9. If someone were to ask you to define eternal life, what would you say?
10. What do you think of John Piper's question and J.C. Ryle's observation regarding heaven?
11. In what ways did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

## AREAS OF APPLICATION

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12. Spend some time considering the six prayer principles from Matthew 6. Pick one to apply this week.
13. Whatever you pray for this week, make sure to aim it ultimately at the glory of God.
14. Consider carefully your understanding of heaven and what about it you're looking forward to. Compare that with 17:3.
15. Share the glories of the Father and the Son with someone this week.
16. Find one specific way to grow in your prayer life.
17. Pray.
18. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and (2) How you can pray for them.
19. Ask God to show you one specific thing you ought to do differently as a result of this text or sermon? Share that and pray about it with someone in your DG. Continue praying for and checking in with each other until you've both done it.

## PRAYER POINTS

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20. Adoration. Praise God for being holy, for being King, for being a sovereign, gracious, loving, glorious, Savior.
21. Confess. Confess indifference to prayer, praying for things more than God's glory, for using prayer to seek selfish ends, for praying to impress others, and for praying apart from the will of God.
22. Thanksgiving. Thank God for hearing your prayers, for causing His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven, for providing your daily bread, for forgiving your sins, for delivering you from evil, for showing you His glory, and for giving you eternal life.
23. Supplication. Ask God to change our hearts concerning prayer. Ask Him to help us long for His glory above all, to recognize our dependence on Him, to seek wisdom from Him to live according to His will, and to be joyful and bold in proclaiming the glories of Christ with all the earth.