

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Describe how you feel or what it means to you when someone prays for you? Is it different if that prayer comes from someone who knows you well? Explain.

2. Read John 17:1-26 and discuss the following:

a. Who does Jesus pray for in this passage?

b. What do you think it means to “glorify” someone?

c. What does Jesus pray for others? What can you apply to your prayer life from Jesus’ example?

d. Describe the unity between the Father and Jesus. What about their unity can we apply in our relationships?

e. If Jesus’ mission was to glorify God by offering eternal life, how can we pray to continue that mission?

3. Do you agree with this statement Mark shared with us? Explain.

As speaking to God rather than about God, prayer expresses most clearly what is believed about God and serves to effect the personal relationship that exists between God and His people.

4. Mark shared three "glory killers" (Immorality, Pride, Ambiguity). What are some other "glory killers" that take the place of God's glory in our lives?

5. Do you always believe the Father loves you "even as" He loves the Son (v.23)? Why or why not?

6. Discuss the prayer calendar challenge. How will you engage in the challenge to pray daily with someone (friend, spouse, family)?

7. Please pray for one another, Bethel Church (transition), and THE Church as Jesus prayed in John 17. Pray that we may glorify God in all we do, be protected from the evil one, unified as a witness to the gospel, sanctified through God's Word, sent into the world, able to see Jesus' glory and to experience God's love.

Remember the big idea from the sermon: Prayer is a relationship with the One who prayed for the relationship in the first place.

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PRAYER IS A RELATIONSHIP

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I. HIS MISSION WOULD CONTINUE (GLORIFY THE FATHER)

Jn 17:1-5; 10:17-18

Jesus alone gives eternal life.

Jesus defines eternal life.

Jesus is the only way to eternal life.

II. HIS PEOPLE WOULD BE **PROTECTED AND SET APART**

Jn 17:6-19; 6:35; 8:12; 10:11

God's sovereignty is complete.

God's holiness is our standard.

God's glory is the goal.

3 GLORY KILLERS

1. IMMORALITY -

IS JESUS HONORED BY YOUR LIFE?

2. PRIDE -

DOES JESUS GET THE CREDIT IN YOUR LIFE?

3. AMBIGUITY -

OUR WORDS AND OUR ACTIONS CAN'T BE
“FUZZY”...IT MUST BE CLEAR THAT WE
FOLLOW CHRIST.

III. HIS GOSPEL WOULD SPREAD

Jn 17:20-26