



## **Jesus' Prayer for Himself- John 17:1-5**

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### **OBSERVE & REFLECT**

*(This section is designed to encourage us to reflect on and observe the scripture and weekend sermon.)*

#### **READ John 17:1-5**

- ☀ Read the text at least twice. Try reading the text from two different translations.
- ☀ What do you observe in the text? What jumps out at you and grabs your attention? What questions do you have from the text? Pay attention to any action words or phrases and observe what the implications are.

### **INVESTIGATE & APPLY**

*(This section focuses on what the scripture has to say as we dig deeper into the Word. It is oriented to create discussion on the Scripture.)*

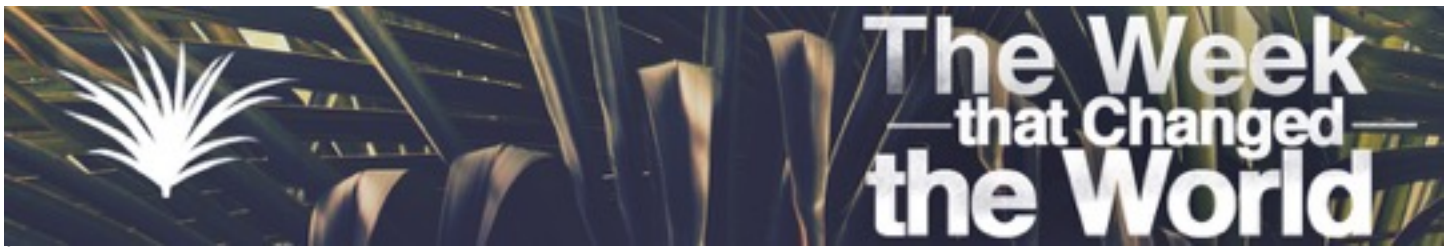
1. Read John 17 in it's entirety. As Jesus closes the "Upper Room Discourse" on the final night of his life with his disciples, he concludes with a prayer. What was the purpose of this prayer, for both Jesus and for the benefit of the disciples, who heard it? See the chart on the back for a breakdown of the prayer.
2. Summarize the three "sections" of the prayer. Who is Jesus praying for and what specifically is he asking for them?
  - v.1-5-
  - v.6-20-
  - v.21-25-
3. In verses 1-5, Jesus is praying for himself. What word is repeated in the passage? Look up and define that word and summarize how this word gives you an understanding of what he is requesting in this prayer.
4. In verse 1, Jesus begins the prayer with the words, "Father, the hour has come". What do these words tell us about Jesus' identity and his mission on the earth? How are the two always connected for Jesus, and for us?
5. Jesus prays specifically for two things in this passage: for his resurrection and his glorification (return to heaven to be with the Father). Why is Jesus praying for things that he knows will happen? What does this teach us concerning our prayer lives?

"To think that we are privileged to listen in as God the Son converses with His Father just as he is about to give his life as a ransom for sinners."

-Warren Wiersbe

### **NEXT STEPS**

- Jesus taught us to begin our prayers with the words, "Our Father, in Heaven." Here, he models that in his own life. Why is this such an important aspect of prayer? How does praying to the Father set our minds and hearts right? Is this where your prayers begin?
- Read Matthew 3:13-4:11.
  - What is the main attack of Satan against Jesus? (Look at the words of the Father in 3:17 and the phrase repeated by Satan in verses 3 and 6.) Why is this the Satan's main tactic? What does he want us to doubt?
  - How does he attack this in multiple ways? What do the three temptations of Satan show us about how he attacks?



## **The High Priestly Prayer (from ESV study bible)**

### **The Father Gave the Son . . .**

- authority to give eternal life v. 2
- people out of this world vv. 2, 6, 9, 24
- work to accomplish v. 4
- words v. 8
- his name vv. 11, 12
- glory vv. 22, 24

### **The Son Gives Believers . . .**

- eternal life v. 2
- the Father's word vv. 8, 14
- manifestation of the Father's name vv. 6, 26
- glory v. 22

### **The Son Asks the Father to . . .**

- glorify him vv. 1, 5
- keep believers in the Father's name v. 11
- keep believers from the evil one v. 15
- sanctify believers in the truth v. 17
- make believers one v. 21

### **Jesus' Followers and the World**

- they are sent into the world v. 18
- they are in the world v. 11
- they are not of the world v. 16
- the world has hated them v. 14
- their unity with each other  
and union with God may cause the  
world to believe the Father sent the Son v. 21