

20 "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. 24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known; that the love with which you have loved me may be in them; and I in them."

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A STUDY THROUGH JOHN 17

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Jesus had spoken these things, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son now, so that the Son may glorify you, 2 for you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. 5 Now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory which had with you before the world existed.

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6 "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. You gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything that you have said to me is true. 8 For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them as truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am praying for them that I may glorify you, and I am glorified in them. 10 All mine are yours, and I am glorified in them. 11 And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. 12 While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. 13 But I have guarded them, and they have not lost the word that you gave me. 14 I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. 15 They have believed that you sent me. 16 I have glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. 17 Now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory which had with you before the world existed. 18 I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. 19 They have believed that you sent me. 20 I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. 24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known; that the love with which you have loved me may be in them; and I in them."

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NORTHSHORE'S COMPELLING STATEMENT

Hope changes everything.

ICE BREAKER

Who has been a powerful prayer warrior in your life? What has been their impact?

BACKGROUND

This week we will be looking at what is known as Jesus' high priestly prayer. Leading up to this, Jesus was making the most of His final hours with His disciples, spending His last Passover preparing them to continue on without Him.

He had taught them that true greatness comes through serving each other, as Jesus demonstrated by lowering Himself to wash their feet. His emphasis was clear, to *love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another* (John 13:34).

He also taught them that they are in complete dependence on Him, as He said *I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing* (15:5). The disciples were understandably afraid about not having Jesus with them, but He reassured them with these promises: *I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you* (14:18), and *When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth* (16:13).

Jesus had said to them, *I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me* (14:6) This highlights His role in bringing us to the Father, and His prayer demonstrates His deep love for us as He intercedes on our behalf. When Jesus had finished teaching His disciples, *he lifted up his eyes to heaven* (17:1) and began His prayer.

REVIEW

What was meaningful from the above context or the sermon from last Sunday?

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KEY VERSES: John 17:1

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you.

READ: John 17:1-26



HEAD LEVEL: *What does it say? These help us to examine what the Word tells us.*

1. What is John's purpose in recording this amazing prayer of Jesus to the Father?
2. What authority did Jesus receive from the Father? (vv2-3)
3. What work did Jesus complete on earth (vv. 4-8, 12, 14, 26)?
4. In what ways does Jesus' completed work inspire our faith?




HEART LEVEL: *What does it mean? These questions help us shape our beliefs around the objective truth of God's word.*

1. What do you gain by listening in to this intimate conversation between Jesus and His Father?
2. What are Jesus' prayer requests (vv. 1, 5, 11, 15, 24)?
3. To what extent does your prayer life include these things Jesus is praying about? How do you feel about that?


DEEPER DISCOVERY

- What do these passages teach us about Jesus' continual ministry of intercession - see Romans 8:33-39; Hebrews 7:23-25; 1 John 2:1-2?

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 **HANDS LEVEL:** *What does it mean to me? These questions help us commit to live out the truth in our everyday lives and commit to potential next steps.*

1. When have you ever felt as unified with other believers as Jesus is with the Father? Can you give an example (verses 20-23)?
2. In what ways do you cooperate with Jesus' desire that His disciples would be completely holy (verses 17-19)?

 **MEMORY VERSE:** John 17:3
And this is eternal life, that they may know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

(Please remember that these requests are confidential and need to stay within the group.)