

THE GLORY OF THE SUFFERING KING

1. REVIEW THE SERMON

Read John 17:1-5. According to this passage, what is Jesus' highest priority in his life and death? Why is it important to glorify God in every circumstance of our lives (both good and bad)?

Read John 17:16-19. What does Jesus mean by asking God to "sanctify" his followers? What is the purpose or goal of our sanctification?

Read John 17:20-23. How does unity (or disunity) within the body of Christ impact our ability to live on mission?

Read John 17:24-26. What would you say is your greatest desire in this life? How does this desire compare with Jesus' desire in this passage? (See also Philippians 1:19-26)

2. ASSESS YOUR HEART

Which of the five questions or heart checks (see back) do you have the most difficulty living out? Why?

3. APPLY THE TRUTH

Do your desires match up with Christ's desires? What is one specific step you can take this week to align your desires with Christ's?

My Group Commitments

Pray through the Text

1. Read John 17:1-5 Pray that God would be glorified in our lives no matter the cost.
2. Read John 17:6-12. Pray that we would find our security in name of God.
3. Read John 17:13-19 Pray that we are transformed for the Mission of God.
4. Read John 17:20-23 Pray for the unity of the Church.
5. Read John 17:24-26 Pray a prayer of thankfulness for the hope we have to be with Jesus again.

Message Notes

The Glory of the Suffering Priest John 17

Five Heart Checks from Jesus' high priestly prayer

Five Heart Checks:

1. *Am I willing to ask God to glorify Himself in my life no matter what?*
2. *Am I resting in the anchor of the name of God for my security?*
3. *Am I being transformed by God (through the Spirit of God using the Word of God and the people of God) for the mission of God?*
4. *Am I actively contributing the unity of the Church?*
5. *Am I deeply longing to be home with Jesus forever?*