

Word of Life...on the eve of death Part 6: John 17 - Jesus's prayer reveals Jesus's priorities and should shape Jesus's people!

Intro: You can learn a lot from listening to other people's prayers

1. Jesus prays for himself – GLORY and RELATIONSHIP (17:1-5)

Glory for the Son and Father Actions reflect Glory

The cross as the answer to the prayer for glory

Relationship – Jesus's definition of eternal life is all about a relationship

Q: are “God's glory” and the “eternal life of others” priorities in your prayers?

2. Jesus prays for his friends (17:6-19) - PROTECTION and SANCTIFICATION

Unity in Jesus and the Lordship of Jesus bring spiritual protection

Sanctify – big word - just means set apart for a purpose

Jesus ACHIEVED salvation, they are set apart to ANNOUNCE salvation

Q: are “spiritual protection for God's people” and the “setting apart of gospel-sharers” priorities in your prayers?

3. Jesus prays for Us! (17:20-27) – UNITY and Perseverance

Unity as effective witness (the opposite is also sadly true!)

Do you pray for perseverance, for you and others?

What are we presently doing to build unity and help each other persevere?

Feeling guilty about your prayers or priorities? Jesus's faithfulness for us (v.4) is our encouragement, (and it gives us permission to keep praying!)