

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Our Mission: Reaching Out to Leaders Who Can Change the World.

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John: Jesus is the Christ

Lesson #19: The Prayer

INTRODUCTION

What is the greatest legacy you can leave your family and loved ones?

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION

Note: The Lord's Prayer in Matt 6 is actually Jesus' model of how to pray. This is His longest recorded prayer and is sometimes called his "high priestly prayer." It divides naturally into three parts – prayer for Himself, for His disciples and for His Church.

Read John 17:1-5

1. What is the significance of Jesus' praying, "the time has come"?
2. What does He mean to "glorify"? Jn 1:14; 2:11
3. What do we learn of Jesus' ultimate plans and purposes in relation to His Father? In relation to His followers?
4. What makes Jesus' death unique enough to provide eternal life? Jn 3:27
5. In this prayer we find the clearest definition of eternal life in the Bible.
What is eternal life? Vs. 3; Rom 2:6-8 When does it begin?

Note: Holiness is the result - not the basis - of God's choosing. Eph 1:4

6. What was the Father's work that Jesus had completed? Why isn't it self-centered?

Read John 17:6-19

7. What phrases does Jesus use to describe His inner circle – the men He will leave behind to complete His mission?
8. What two things does He pray for them? Why?
9. Jesus also prays for us. How are *we* protected from the evil one? How is it lived out?
10. What does it mean to be sanctified? Ex 28:41 How was Jesus sanctified?

Read John 17:20-26

11. What does Jesus pray for His Church – all of us who have believed since His disciples?
12. What Great Commission (Matt 28:16-20) aspects do we see in this prayer?
13. How does the unity of the Body affect the propagation of the faith?
14. How does Jesus address the issue of eternal security? vs. 24

APPLICATION

- How does your life reflect the unity that Jesus prayed for on your behalf?
- Are you being sanctified by the truth, the Word of God? How can you get as much *alone time* with your Father as you really want?

The greatest thing anyone can do for God and for man is to pray.... You can do more than pray after you have prayed. But you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed.

– S.D. Gordon, author; founder of Gordon College