

# JOHN

## LIFE IN JESUS

### Jesus and His prayer for His Mission

John 17:1-5

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- The Father has given Jesus authority over \_\_\_\_\_ flesh to give eternal life to \_\_\_\_\_ whom the Father has given Him.
  - The mutual \_\_\_\_\_ of Father and Son happens in the giving of \_\_\_\_\_, which is made possible through the accomplished \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.
  - Eternal life is \_\_\_\_\_ the only true God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent.

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*In John 17, Jesus is praying the longest prayer recorded in the four Gospels just before His arrest and crucifixion. The prayer is massive in scope, truth, themes, and significance.*

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- Jesus' work is His \_\_\_\_\_ and ministry climaxing at the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Jesus' work is the shared mission of the Triune God, \_\_\_\_\_ by the Father, \_\_\_\_\_ by the Son, and \_\_\_\_\_ by the Spirit.
  - Jesus's work is considered \_\_\_\_\_, even though the cross is still before Him.

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## TAKING ACTION

Earmark 15-30 minutes this week to MEDITATE on and MARVEL at the tremendous truths revealed in Jesus' prayer in John 17:1-5. Meditate on and marvel at the unity of the Triune God, their shared mission to save a people, and how that mission is accomplished. Marvel at the glory of Jesus and how it's surprisingly seen in the cross, resurrection, and ascension. Marvel at the authority of Jesus to give eternal life and how He makes that possible. Marvel at the fact that we can know God through Jesus and the sacrifice He offers.

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- As the Father glorifies the \_\_\_\_\_, the Son glorifies the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The mutual glorification of the Son and the Father will happen through the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Jesus has had this glory from all \_\_\_\_\_, and He's eager to experience this glory in the \_\_\_\_\_ presence again.

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**NEXT WEEK:** *Jesus and His Prayer for the Disciples | John 17:6-19*

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*Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at [gracecentralcoast.org/groups](https://gracecentralcoast.org/groups)*

### CONNECT *(ask this question to check-in with your group)*

How is everyone doing? Be sure to take some to check in with one another.

### DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read the whole of John 17 together as a group. How did you "come under" God's Word and the message this week? How did this text/message speak to you?
2. Where and when is Jesus praying this prayer? How does the setting of the prayer inform and enhance our understanding of it?
3. Which of the three highlighted WORK truths was most captivating and meaningful to you? Why?

4. Which of the three highlighted GLORIFY truths was most new or challenging to you? Why?
5. Which of the three highlighted ETERNAL LIFE truths was helpful and encouraging to you? Why?
6. Break into pairs and practice, in your own words, connecting those three words to one another to explain the Gospel of Jesus: WORK, GLORIFY, and ETERNAL LIFE.
7. How will you engage in TAKING ACTION this week? (It's on the bottom of the outline.) What's your practical plan? Where and when?

### PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Practice MEDITATING and MARVELING on the tremendous truths of John 17:1-5 in your prayer together as a group.
- In light of those tremendous truths, share and pray for one another's needs.