

**Title: Prayer & Life****Big Idea: Our prayers reveal our life & our relationship with God.**

John 17:1 Jesus spoke these things, looked up to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you,

**1. Pray to the Father.****2. Pray for God’s glory.**

**2** since you gave him authority over all people, so that he may give eternal life to everyone you have given him. **3** This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and the one you have sent —Jesus Christ.

**4** I have glorified you on the earth by completing the work you gave me to do. **5** Now, Father, glorify me in your presence with that glory I had with you before the world existed.

**6** “I have revealed your name to the people you gave me from the world. They were yours, you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

**7** Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, **8** because I have given them the words you gave me. They have received them and have known for certain that I came from you. They have believed that you sent me. **9** “I pray for them. I am not praying for the world but for those you have given me, because they are yours. **10** Everything I have is yours, and everything you have is mine, and I am glorified in them.

**3. Pray for your disciples.**

**11** I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by your name that you have given me, so that they may be one as we are one. **12** While I was with them, I was protecting them by your name that you have given me. I guarded them and not one of them is lost, except the son of destruction, so that the Scripture may be fulfilled. **13** Now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy completed in them.

**Discussion Questions**

Look over these questions before your group time. Write down your answers or ideas for at least a few questions if not all. You may not get to every question during your time but speak up if you want to talk about one of them in particular. Always start with question #1.

1. What stood out to you and/or what do you think God might be speaking about from this message?
2. Have you ever thought how your prayer life reveals your real life? What do you think about that idea?
3. Are there any aspects of Jesus’ prayer you would not expect?
4. Who has helped you learn about Jesus and follow Him? How did it happen most effectively?
5. Jesus “guarded” His disciples from disunity with God. What are ways He might guard us today?
6. What can we learn by comparing Judas with the rest of the disciples?

