

# John 17

CG Discussion Guide // Week of 15 October 2023

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## INTRODUCTION

- Icebreaker: Which chore do you actually enjoy doing?
- Take some time to pray for one another's needs and requests (refer to Prayer Guide as needed)
- Pray for Harbor Network sister church: Sojourn East, Louisville, KY (Pastor: Kevin Jamison)
- Choose discussion questions, prayer guide, or abide time questions depending on your group's needs

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

### Vv. 1-5

- What strikes you the most about this section? What comes into your mind when you read about God's glory?
- What do you make of Jesus' request to "regain" His heavenly glory, especially considering Jesus' view of being glorified, and lifted up—on the cross? How do you think these two connect?
- What do you make of Jesus' understanding of what eternal life is? How does it confirm or correct your understanding of eternal life?

### Vv. 6-19

- What sticks out to you the most about Jesus' prayer for His disciples? How does it compare to how we usually pray?
- What do you make of Jesus connecting God's glory, name, word, and truth together and that they are invoked for the benefit and joy of the disciples? How has God's glory, name, words, and truth given you joy this week?

### Vv. 20-26

- What do you make of the fact that Jesus prayed especially for you and me? Which part of Jesus' prayer for you and me encourages you the most?
- What kind of unity is Jesus praying for us? What does it tell you that Jesus greatly desires this kind of unity among us? How can we foster this kind of unity?

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## Abide Time: John 17

- What realities are you facing this week? What is occupying your thoughts? How do you feel?
- Read the passage and let God speak to you in you reality through his Word. Write down your reflections as God shepherds you:
  - What does the text say is true about God and his character?
  - What does it say about the world around you?
- How do your reflections above speak to your reality?
- What did you experience in your heart and soul as God spoke to you and your reality?
- What did you experience in your body, given your reflections and what you experienced in your heart and soul?
- How is God inviting you to live differently?
- What does all of what you shared above say about God and his relationship with you?

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## WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

*The Bible promises that anything we ask for in Jesus' name – that is according to His will – shall be granted to us (John 14:13-14). In view of this great promise, the prayer requests are all grounded in Scripture. When we pray Scripture, we can be certain that we are praying according to God's will.*

*That does not mean God will grant our requests in our preferred time or according to our frail wisdom; but it does mean that we can pray confidently knowing that God delights to answer these requests, for they are His words.*

*Use the accompanying Scripture verses to shape and inform your prayers.*

### PRAY FOR YOURSELF & YOUR FAMILY:

- That your daily life will bring honor to the name of Jesus – (2 Thess. 1:11-12)
- That you will cast all of your anxieties on God – (1 Peter 5:6-7)
- That you will consider your trials as an opportunity for joy – (James 1:2-4)

### PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH:

- That the power of Christ will rest on our church and ministries [Worship Gathering, Community Groups, Men/Women, Youth, Children, etc.] – (2 Cor. 12:9-10)
- That God will give us the wisdom and faith that we desperately need to continue in faithful mission – (James 1:5-8)
- That God will make us fruitful in ministry – (John 15:1-2) – and bold in witness – (Eph. 6:18-20)

### PRAY FOR OUR CITY:

- That God will give wisdom to our government (local, state, and national) that we may lead peaceful, godly lives – (1 Timothy 2:1-2)
- That the Lord will continue to provide open doors of gospel ministry in IU and the Bloomington community – (1 Corinthians 16:9)
- That the work of God will be displayed in the lives of the members of our sister churches – (John 9:3)

### PRAY FOR OUR WORLD:

- That the persecuted church will find fellowship with Jesus as they share in his sufferings – (Philippians 3:10-11)
- That the Lord of the harvest will send out more workers to unreached people groups because they have been gripped by Paul's missionary logic in Romans 10:13-17 – (Matthew 9:37-38)
- That Christ will return bringing the fullness of salvation with him – (Revelation 22:20)

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- October 18: Redeemer Men (rescheduled)
- October 18: Spiritual Formation Classes start (contact Ptr. Matt for details)
- October 27: 16th Annual Chili Supper
- October 29: Child + Family Dedication
- November 1: Redeemer Women
- November 4: Membership Class
- November 12: Baptism Sunday
- November 29: Members' Meeting

**Reminder:** All events are listed in the Events tab in our Redeemer app. You can RSVP for specific events by going to the Events tab, clicking on an event, and following the link to register.