

# Christian Values:

## *Jesus' Glory - Week 1*

John 17



### Introduction

The first 2 weeks we saw that all things are done to and for the glory of God. It is for that reason we were created. So to best fulfill that reason, we ought to pursue knowing and experiencing Him through prayer and Bible reading. Then in weeks 3 and 4, we looked at how we might know and experience Him through our meaningful relationships in fellowship. These relationships are purposeful. And the purpose of Christian fellowship is to fight for each other's joy in Christ. Over these next two weeks, we'll look at the unique and specific ways God has made each of us to serve one another in the church. And then finally, looking ahead, we'll finish up this series with how to serve people outside the church.

### Guiding Principles

During this season of Community Groups, our church will spend time looking at four ideas we want to value more completely. We believe that by clarifying these ideas, we can

move toward a more fruitful and joy-filled relationship with God. Those are:

- Jesus' Glory
- The Church's Fellowship
- Mission in the church
- Mission outside the church

### Prepare for Group

#### Read

- Before coming to group, please read: [John 17](#)
- As you read it, write down or highlight where it says **what** God's glory is. Or since you won't find a definition in this verse, maybe ask yourself, what are the things Jesus says brings glory to God?
- Also, write down or highlight where it says **why** we should value his glory.

#### Think

- If after reading John 17 you still don't know what we mean when we say 'the glory of God', don't worry.
- It takes the whole Bible to begin to wrap your head around the glory of God. Glory is even used as different parts of speech. God is glorious (adjective), reveals his glory (noun), and is to be glorified (verb). But the Bible uses it to describe who God is and the reason for what he does. So while it is used differently, it is central to how God wants us to understand him.

### During Group:

- Take a moment to re-read John 17 paying attention to how Jesus is using the word 'glory'

## Discussion Question 1:

**In John 17, what are the things Jesus says bring Glory to himself and God the father and why his people would want to see him glorified?**

For example, verse 2 says Jesus wants to glorify the Father by giving out eternal life, then asks what is eternal life? verse 3? It is "knowing God". Therefore, **God is glorified by people knowing him.**

## Discussion Question 2:

Read [Ephesians 1:5-14](#) and [Romans 9:23](#) **What are the things Paul says bring glory to God and why should we want to glorify him?**

Follow up. What similarities and differences do we see between the verses in Ephesians and Romans and the text in John?

many perfections, which he displays in his creative and redemptive acts in order to make his glory known to those in his presence.

- And here's a 10 minute [podcast](#) by John Piper.

## Further Study

- Do you still want a definition and a list of all the ways the Bible uses the term 'Glory'? Read this [essay](#) by Christopher Morgan.
  - The glory of God is the magnificence, worth, loveliness, and grandeur of his