

## The Gospel of John: *The High Priestly Prayer*

*John 17*

### Jesus Prays for Himself (v. 1-5)

- This passage is known as the High Priestly Prayer because Jesus acts as intercessor for His people, which is the role of the High Priest
- Jesus' glorification is at hand
  - Glory/glorify here means to “clothe in splendor” or “show His fullness”
- Jesus desires that the world sees Him for who He truly is from eternity past (v. 5)
  - And by extension, for them to know who His Father truly is
  - This is not aggrandizement, but true revelation
- The purpose is to fulfill His mission:
  - To draw all people to Jesus so that they might have eternal life
  - Eternal life = Knowing God through Jesus

### Jesus Prays for His Disciples (v. 6-19)

- Jesus shifts His focus to praying for those friends He has trained and will immediately continue His mission
  - Declaring that they are the first-fruits of those who will follow Him
- He prays for His Father to:
  - Protect them the world & the evil one, not remove them from the world (v. 11a, 15)
  - Unite them (v. 11b)
  - Continue the joy He has given them (v. 13)
    - An eternal perspective, even in suffering
  - Sanctify them by God's truth
    - Make holy/set apart

### Jesus Prays for Us (17:20-26)

- Jesus then prays for those who will believe because of the witness of His disciples
  - This includes us
- Jesus prays for our:
  - Unity: This testifies to the truth of the Gospel
    - This is the work of the Holy Spirit in us all
  - Destiny: Eternity with God
  - Continuation of His Jesus' mission to make God known to the world

### So What?

- Jesus prayed for us to be united, eternally minded, and mission-focused
- How are we doing at being an answer to those prayers?

**Meditation Verse:** John 17:20b-21

**Next Week:** John 18:1-27