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Sermon Series on the Gospel of John

Question:

What are ways or situations that allows you to really get close to someone?

BACK GROUND

- **Jesus spent 3 years with his disciples**
- **You are not of this world as Jesus is not**
- **Taught you to live different – God’s way**
- **The world will hate you- You do not follow it**

Last 24 hours. What did Jesus want Disciples to know

- **You know the Father because you know me**
- **Father, Son, and Holy Spirt are all one**
- **Jesus leaving to go to the Father**
- **Preparing a place for them**
- **Don’t be sad**
- **Sending helper for their Benefit**

John 17

High Priestly Prayer

Jesus Prays for Himself / Father

That he would complete the work that God gave him to do

Jesus Prays for current disciples “Friends”

Disciples remain Holy in Lives and Mission

Jesus Prays for all disciples “ us”

We would remain Unified with each other

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There is a sense of timing, that is Now

Wedding

John 2:4 Woman, why do you involve me?”
Jesus replied. “My hour has not yet come.

Festival of Tabernacles- Public figure

John 7:6 Therefore Jesus told them, “My time is not yet here; for you any time will do

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Glory: Important word impossible to explain

Glory Glorious Glorify etc.

- Found 538 times in Bible KJV
- 20 different variations in Bible

The weighty importance and shining majesty which accompany God's presence.

- Praise, Divine Power, Splendor, Majesty, Command Respect
- More of a Art Form than Science

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This is Eternal life: that they know you,

- We tend to think of eternal life as living forever.
- Must not think in Quantity
- The Bible, eternal life is More Quality

John 5:24 whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life

Eternal life begins now and goes into the after life
Age to come is now

John 3

Born again: puts us into eternal life before we die

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This is Eternal life: **that they know you,**

What's on Jesus Heart in this prayer

- God's Glory
- For us to know God
- Us to accept Gods plan for our life
- Live our eternally now and in the future

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17 ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by **finishing the work you gave me to do.** ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

What is the work of Jesus?

- Draw mankind back to God
- Usher in the age to come, The New Kingdom
- Redemption: forgiveness for our sins

17 ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

- Somethings are hard to understand

What did Jesus mean?

- Glory comes from being in God's presence
- The glory is seeking Gods Honor
- Complete the work God gave him to do.

Jesus brought Glory to God: Mission and Death

You can bring Glory to God

- Glory comes from you being in God's presence
- The glory is seeking Gods Honor not your own
- Finish the Work he gave you to do

Your Work - doing it with righteousness

School - finish semester doing your best

Live at peace with everyone

Having a faith and sharing it

- Mari Share

Jesus Prays for Current Disciples “Friends”

- John 17:6-19



17:6 “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word.

⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you.

Jesus to showing Glory to God by his disciples understanding Gods Will

- You gave them to me.
 - They Obeyed your word
 - They know everything comes from you
 - I gave them your word they accepted
 - They know I came from you
 - They believed you sent me
 - I am praying for them, not the world
- Jesus thinking down the Road
- All Jesus has is God's / all God has is Jesus's
 - Glory came to Jesus through the believers
 - Jesus give Glory right back to God

Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me

- Holy: Separate Father: Yet approachable
- Protect them: You have an approachable all Mighty God looking after you
- Power of your Name: Yahweh, Hayha
- God revealed his name, Moses Exodus 3 “I am”
- It’s God’s Nature, His authority, Who he is, Qualities of being God
- You learn Gods name over years

13 “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.

The disciples were called to live:

Holy (set apart), sanctified, pure, committed lives,
radicle devoted to God (Just like Jesus)

Comes by holding onto his word (bible)

John 8:31,32 “ To the Jews who had believed him,
Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are
really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth,
and the truth will set you free.”

What does this imply?

You know his teachings and Obey

Prays for them to be in the world but not of the world.

There is a World System in Place that is not of God

- The Amish disengage from Society
- Be relatable - Be all things to all people(1 Cor 9)
- It's a balancing act
- You are in the world, how worldly are you?

How much of the world is attractive to you?

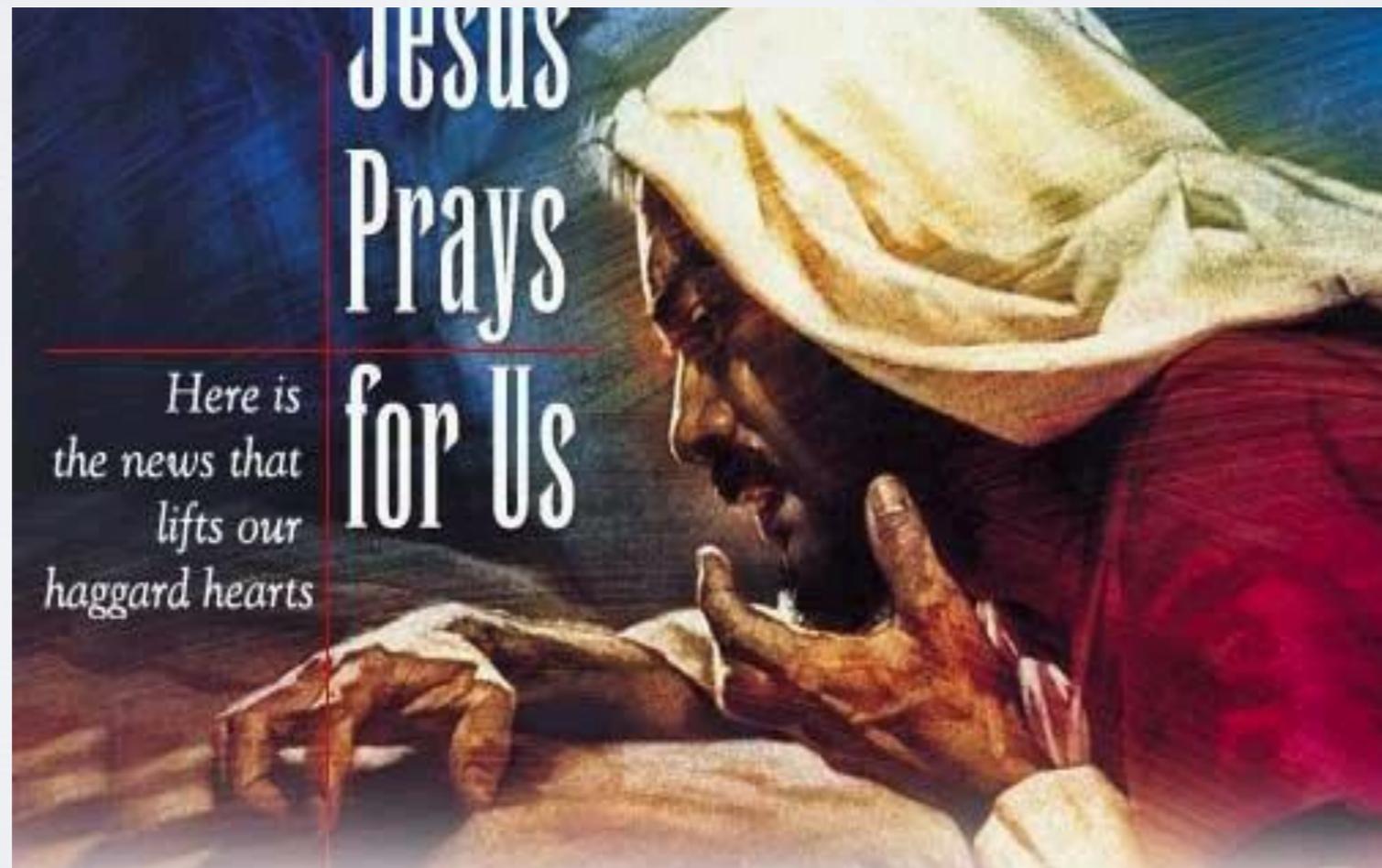
1 John 2:15-17 ” Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. ¹⁶ For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.”

What has your heart?

- Want to look cool
- Feel important
- Pleasure at all cost
- Too proud to admit that you need God
- Worldly Christians- Unacceptable to God

Jesus Prays for all disciples “ us”

John 17:20-26



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John 17:20-26 ²⁰ “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that **all of them may be one**, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. **May they also be in us** so that the **world may believe that you have sent me.** ²² **I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—** ²³ **I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity.** Then the **world will know that you sent me** and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Jesus prays for complete Unity

- Other Gospels just before this, disciple arguing

Praying for relational Unity.

- The world will know they are different because of the Unity and love within the disciples

Who are you not Unified with?

- Roommates, spouse, family members, someone across the room.

- Glory= Secret Sauce= Holy People

- I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one

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John 17:24-26 ²⁰ ²⁴ “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

²⁵ “Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

- Jesus wants his disciples to be with him
- Jesus Knows we Know the Father
- Jesus lets us know that God Loves him and us
- Jesus will be in us- Holy Spirit

John 17

High Priestly Prayer

1. Gives us a picture of how Jesus prayed
2. Exposed his heart for God and people
3. Not a self focused wish list
4. More about alienating his will with God's
5. This prayer is about vision
 - Jesus is going to die
 - His disciples are support
 - Praying for the multitudes coming after

Disciple in Action

1. Have a Heart like Jesus to Pray to the Father
2. Determine to make God Agenda your Agenda
3. Finish his work he has given you to do
4. Being unified force with Brothers and Sisters