

Women's Bible Study

John 17:1-26

1. In verses 1-5, Jesus makes one request: that the Father will glorify him, so that he might glorify the Father. In what ways do the Father and the Son glorify each other? Why is this so important to Jesus? To what extent is God's glory your top priority in your daily life?

2. Please write verse 3 here:

3. How does Jesus define "eternal life"? In what ways is eternal life different from merely living forever? In what practical ways are you actively trying to get to know the Father and the Son better?

4. In verses 11, 12, and 15, Jesus asks the Father to protect the disciples from the evil one. Why would this be important for him as he faces the cross? Jesus specifically prays, "Holy Father keep them in your name." What does it mean to be "kept" by God? In addition to 17:12 and 15, you may refer to Philippians 1:6 and Jude 24 for background.

5. In verses 20-26, Jesus prays that those who believe in him would be one "so that the world may believe that you have sent me". Why is our unity in Christ a powerful testimony to the world about the reality of Christ? In what practical way can you express your oneness with other believers (at home, at work, in the church)?

6. This passage gives us a window into Jesus' heart just before his death. Who does he pray for? What are his desires for them? and Why they these priorities important? Now consider your prayer life: who do you pray for and what are your prayers for them? Share with your group one specific way that you can shape your prayers to be more like Jesus' prayers.