

The Night Before He Bled

Week 6: Glory To God!

Weekly Summary: Jesus' longest recorded prayer is about the purpose of life—to glorify God and find joy in the process. In a world that is searching for joy, Jesus words are a surprising and powerful path.

- ◆ John 17:1-19 - After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.**2** For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. **3** Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. **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. **6** “I have revealed you^[a] 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. Holy Father, protect them by the power of^[b] 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^[c] that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. **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. **17** Sanctify them by^[d] the truth; your word is truth. **18** As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. **19** For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

- ◆ The purpose of *all* things = Sola Deo Gloria



- ◆ Glory = **WOW GOD!**

- ◆ Glory to God is renewed and multiplied because:
 - ❖ Jesus gives **eternal life**.
 - ❖ Jesus completed God's **saving work**.
 - ❖ Jesus reveals God's **name**.
 - ❖ Jesus **protects** us from the Evil One.
 - ❖ Jesus sets us **apart**.
 - ❖ Jesus gives us full **Jesus-joy**.

Points to Ponder

1. List three characteristics or attributes of God that make you say WOW! List three things God has *done* that make you say WOW! Share your list with your Life Group, family, or a Christian friend and discuss why you picked what you did.
2. Imagine that you kept the purpose of all things front and center in your mind this week. How would this change your attitude and motivation about ...going to work? ...cleaning up the kitchen? ...putting your kids to bed? ...writing that essay for school, or proposal for work?
3. Jesus continues to talk to the Father on your behalf. How does this give you comfort when you fall into sin? ...when big changes happen in your life? ...when death draws near?

Homework For Next Week: John 17:20-26