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Jesus Prays to Be Glorified

Icebreaker: Go around and ask everyone the following “would you rather” questions.

- Would you rather wear a turtleneck or tennis shoes with no socks for a year?
- Would you rather have a mullet or be bald for the rest of your life?
- Would you rather take a cold shower or scalding hot bath?

Worship:

A Thousand Hallelujahs | *Brooke Ligertwood*

Great Are You Lord | *All Sons & Daughters*

The Heart of Worship | *Matt Redman*

Read: John 17:1-5

Discussion:

1. Who is Jesus praying for in these verses?
2. What is meant by, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you?”
3. What do you think will glorify the Son?
4. What are some ways Jesus glorified the Father while He was on earth?
5. In Jesus’ prayer to the Father, where do you see Him praying for unity?
6. What do you think is significant (foundational to Christian theology) in verse 3? Why?

Prayer:

Please break up into small groups (guys with guys and girls with girls) and read James 5:16, “*Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.*”

After reading the verse, ask if anyone has anything they’d like to confess. After the first person shares, please have the group pray over them and move onto the next person in the group. The goal of this prayer time is to build vulnerability and allow people to confess freely, knowing others will share and all will be prayed for.

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Jesus Prays for His Disciples, Part 1

Icebreaker: If we interviewed your closest friends/loved ones, what would be the most often used word/phrase to describe you?

Worship:

Gratitude | *Brandon Lake*

Way Maker | *Leeland*

Jesus I Come | *Elevation*

Read: John 17:6-19

Discussion:

1. Who is Jesus praying for in these verses?
2. What requests does Jesus pray to the Father on behalf of the disciples?
3. Why do you think He made those requests?
4. Why do you think Jesus prays that the Father would not take the disciples out of the world?
5. In Jesus' prayer to the Father, where do you see Him praying for unity?
6. What do you see in these verses that should impact how you live your daily life?

Prayer:

Let's end by breaking up into groups of 2-3 and have everyone share one thing that is challenging in their life. Pray over each situation and then end the time with everyone going around and sharing something they're thankful for.

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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Jesus Prays for His Disciples, Part 2

Icebreaker: If you could be an expert in one thing, what would it be and why?

Worship:

Lord, Send Revival | *Hillsong Young & Free*

You Are Good | *Bethel Music*

There's No Other Name | *Bethel Music*

Read: John 17:6-19

Discussion:

1. What is one significant thing you remember from the discussion in our previous meeting (John 17:6-19, pt.1)?
2. What is the “fullness of joy” that Jesus is speaking of in verse 13? Do you think most Christians possess and exhibit that “fullness of joy” in daily life? Do you? How do we possess and exhibit “fullness of joy”?
3. In verse 17, Jesus asked the Father to sanctify His disciples. What does it mean to be sanctified?
4. According to verse 17, how does sanctification happen? How can we partner with the Father in that process?
5. How do you think “fullness of joy” and sanctification contribute to unity?

Prayer:

Let's end by breaking up into groups and pray that we will be a people who seek unity in all things we do. Unity with each other, relationships, work, church, etc.

“Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!” – Psalm 133:1

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Jesus Prays for All Believers, Part 1

Icebreaker: If your schedule is wide open and you have 4-5 hours to do whatever you want, what are you choosing to do?

Worship:

Give Me Jesus | *UPPERROOM*

How He Loves | *Jeremy Riddle*

In Christ Alone | *Passion*

Read: John 17:20-26

Discussion:

1. Who is Jesus praying for in these verses?
2. What two things does Jesus pray for the believer to have in them?
3. How do you think the world will know God sent Jesus and loves them even as He loves Jesus (vs 23)?
4. In Jesus' prayer to the Father, where do you see Him praying for unity?
5. Jesus clearly values unity. What are some ways in your own life or in your Lifegroup where you can build unity?

Prayer:

Let's end by breaking up into groups and praying the armor of God over each other from Ephesians 6:10-20.

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak."

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Jesus Prays for All Believers, Part 2

Icebreaker: Ask everyone the following “would you rather” questions.

- Would you rather read people’s minds or see into the future?
- Would you rather live a year without ice or toilet paper?
- Would you rather make twice as much money as you do now while doing the same job or get paid what you do now and be off for an entire year?

Worship:

Rest on Us | *Maverick City & UPPERROOM*

When You Walk Into The Room | *Bryan & Katie Torwalt*

Raise A Hallelujah | *Bethel Music*

Read: John 17:20-26

Discussion:

7. What is one significant thing you remember from the discussion in our previous meeting?
8. In verse 21 and verse 22, Jesus prays that all future believers will be “one” as He and the Father are “one”. What do you think it means for all believers to be “one”?
9. In light of these verses, how important is it to Jesus that we protect “unity” in the global church? How do we do that?
10. What actions or sacrifices are acceptable/not acceptable to protect unity? (examples – sin, heresy, doctrinal differences, etc.)
11. According to verse 23 (and John 13:35), what impact will our unity and love have on the world? Have you seen an example of that in your own life?

Prayer:

Let’s end by breaking up into groups and encouraging one another. Put one person in the middle and go around and share something you see in them, a word from the Lord, a scripture, or anything else that may encourage them. When everyone has been encouraged, pray for each other.

“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:11