

Glory (10/27/24)

Discussion Questions

Summary: John 17 is the longest recorded prayer of Jesus. It opens with the poetic petition of Jesus to *be glorified* so He could return that glory to the Father. We glorify someone by giving them the honor, recognition and praise they deserve. Jesus deserves *all* glory. This passage shows us five ways God the Father glorified Jesus that correspond with five ways we can glorify Jesus. Pray that Jesus will be exalted in you and through you and watch for ways you can give him the honor, recognition and praise He deserves this week!

“I think we delight to praise what we enjoy because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment; it is its appointed consummation... Fully to enjoy is to glorify. In commanding us to glorify Him, God is inviting us to enjoy Him.” C.S. Lewis, *Reflections on the Psalms*

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How God the Father glorified Jesus:

1. By giving Him **Authority** over the whole world (v. 2a; Job 1:8-10)
2. By giving Him **People** to redeem and to love (v. 2b, 6; Eph. 1:5)
3. By presenting Him as the full **Revelation** of the Godhead (v. 3; Col. 1:15; Heb. 1:1-3)
4. By giving Him **Work** to accomplish (v. 4)
5. By giving Him **Life** after death (v. 5; Php. 2:6-11)

How we are to glorify Jesus:

1. By **Exercising** the authority He has given to us (Matt. 28:18-20; Jn. 16:23-24)
2. By **Reaching** the people He has positioned us to reach (Acts 17:26-27, NIRV; Acts 1:8)
3. By **Presenting** Him as the full revelation of the Godhead (Col. 1:15)
4. By **Doing** the work He gave us to do (Eph. 2:10)
5. By **Trusting** Him for life after death (Rom. 6:8)

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”
Philippians 2:5-11

Get Started:

1. What is the most fun you’ve had in the last month? What was so enjoyable about it?

2. Read the C.S. Lewis quote above. How does sharing your enjoyment complete the experience?

Dig Deeper:

3. Read John 17:1-5. How did the death and resurrection of Jesus fulfill his prayer in v. 1?
4. What does Jesus' desire to glorify the Father tell us about the Trinity?
5. What did God the Father give to the Son? What did the Son give back to the Father?
6. What does it mean to "glorify God"?

Move Forward:

7. Do you agree with John Piper that "the chief end of man is to glorify God *by* enjoying Him forever"? Why is enjoyment central to true worship and honor?
8. What kind of honor, recognition and praise does God deserve?
9. What habits and practices have you found most helpful to enjoy the Lord?
10. How can we pray for you this week?