



## Lesson 20 John 17:1-5

Welcome to Table 2!

Beloved, we have reached the most unique chapter not only in John, but in the entire Bible. This is the High Priestly Prayer of Jesus. In John 17: God talks to God. With great reverence scholars call this chapter the Holy of Holies.

Since this is such a profound chapter, I invited Mary Beth back to teach this chapter. She previously was on the podcast for Season 2 episode 4 [Living Water](#) and Season 2 [episode 10](#). We're taking John 17 section by section. This will be a three episode chapter.

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This episode is so good! We discussed praying for ourselves and What do we do when we hit a passage we don't like or don't understand?

[John 17:1-5](#) His Word before Mary Beth's words.

Enjoy meeting with Jesus around this lesson prepared with love by Mary Beth.

Friends, we pray you encounter the Lord and receive this gift from His table.

Our culture is obsessed with knowing about the personal life and conversations of celebrities, royal family members and political leaders. Well, John 17 gives us the details of the most intimate conversation between the highest Royalty of all- God! Jesus-fully God and fully man, prays to God the Father as he wraps up His teaching and healing ministry on earth and moves toward the ultimate work of salvation through His death on the cross.

Each word of this prayer is sacred as it flows from the heart and mind of Jesus. Take your time and enjoy reflecting on the heart of Jesus, what mattered most to him as He prepared to conquer death.

Jesus Prays He Will Glorify God: Read 17:1-5

Jesus begins this sacred conversation praying for himself.

How often do you pray for yourself? What do you usually ask for? How might you focus on glorifying God while asking God for your needs or heart's desire?

Jesus prayed to glorify the Father and be glorified with Him.

What does glorifying God mean to you? How often do you think about glorifying God?

Glory is mentioned throughout the Bible. Jesus had glory before coming to earth. That is pre-incarnate glory. He will go back to the heavenly realm with God the Father and have that glory again. There is also glory on earth. In simple terms, when God is revealed, he is glorified. When we honor God, He is glorified. When God manifests Himself in another, He is glorified and His glory is in them. When God's love, mercy or grace is shown to others, He is glorified. When God gives us a sunrise, He is revealed and glorified as our Creator God. Jesus prayed to glorify God the Father.

God the Father gave Jesus authority over all people. Read John 17:2

Read also Philippians 2:9-11 and Ephesians 1:20-23.

Describe the aspects of Jesus Christ's authority that encourages you and challenges you.

How does the authority of God impact your view of yourself, your life or how you live?

What authority has God given to mankind? See Genesis 1:26-28, Luke 10:17-20, Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 13:1-2

God the Father gave Jesus people to give the gift of eternal life. John 17:2

Jesus prays regarding what God the Father gives His Son. "*For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him.*" John 17:2.

This passage draws our attention to divine election. Our understanding of all God is doing in the hearts and minds of people related to salvation is limited and not ours to control. The doctrine of election is woven throughout scripture, but our understanding will still be limited.

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:8-9

To consider more about the doctrine of election and the responsibility of man’s response, meditate on John 6:44, John 17:2, 6, 9, Acts 13:48, Acts 17:30, Romans 8:29-30, Romans 9:14-18, Ephesians 1:4-5, 11, 1 Timothy 2:4, Isaiah 45:22, Isaiah 55:1, 2 Peter 3:9.

What truths do you want to remember from any of these passages?

How do you respond to scripture that you don’t like or understand?

Read Proverbs 3:1-7. What does this teach you?

God the Father gave Jesus people to give eternal life. How has God given you people to share what you have received from Him?

Jesus described eternal life as knowing God, the only True God, and Jesus Christ in John 17:3.

Knowing God in a personal relationship through Jesus Christ is more than knowing ‘of Him’. It begins with a revelation of Him orchestrated by God the Father through God’s Spirit.

“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really know me, you will know [b] my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”” John 14:6-7

The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Hebrews 1:3

Describe the difference between knowing God vs. knowing about Him? Which do you relate to?

Jesus glorified God the Father by finishing the work given to Him to do. John 17:4

Read Ephesians 2:10, Matthew 22:37-39, 28:18-20, 1 Peter 4:10

What comes to mind as you consider the work He planned for you on earth?

What hinders you from prioritizing the work you have identified above or exercising your Spiritual gifts? Pause and pray about this knowing God is for you and will provide all you need to do anything He planned for you to do.

If having specific 'work' to do by God's design is a new idea, reach out to a Pastor or friend who has been following Jesus for a while and ask them to help you discern your spiritual gifts. Here are additional scriptures to guide you: 1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12, Ephesians 4, 1 Peter 4

Now Jesus was looking toward being in the presence of God the Father again. John 17:5

Imagine what it will be like as you near the end of your earthly life. What type of legacy do you hope to leave?

Are you prepared to be meet God face to face when your time on this earth is complete?

