

WORKOUT

JOHN 17:1-9

Believe
and
LIVE
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



Read all of John chapter 17, focusing on verses 1-9.

Considering the whole narrative of Jesus's last night with His disciples (chapters 13-16), what repeated themes, teachings, and concepts do you notice within Jesus's prayer?

- Why is it significant that Jesus prays for His glory and the Father's glory?
 - Jesus says that He and the Father were glorified together before the world existed (17:5). How does this help us understand who God is?
 - Also consider verses like Hebrews 1:1-12, John 1:1-5, Proverbs 8:22-31, Ephesians 1:3-10, and Colossians 1:15-20.
- Jesus is the revelation of God. How does this passage speak to the right response to revelation (17:8)?
 - Also consider verses like John 1:12 and 5:43. What does it mean to receive Jesus, and His words?
 - Biblically, is there a difference between receiving God's words and believing them? What is the danger of trying to separate these?
- The Father has given Jesus authority to give eternal life.
 - Why does Jesus pray, "this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent" (17:3)?
 - How does this relate to Jesus's proclamation that He is the life (14:6)?
 - Do you believe that eternal life is knowing God? How should this change our pondering on God's character and works? How should this change our pursuit of God's Word?



Pray Holistically

Read Jesus's prayer for His and the Father's glory in John 17:1.

- Pray to give glory to the Father and the Son by praying through a passage of Scripture like Romans 11:33-36, Romans 16:25-27, or 1 Timothy 1:15-17.
- Pray to give glory to the Father and the Son by praying in confession of the ways we live for our own glory rather than God's, and humbly ask Him to guide us by His Spirit to live for His glory alone.

Pray Personally

Pray in thanksgiving for the eternal life you have received in Jesus.

- Father, thank you for Jesus, in whom I have seen the radiance of your glory (Hebrews 1:3). By His sinless life, He glorified you on earth, accomplishing the work that you gave Him. He died, was buried, and was raised in accordance with the Scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:3-4), for the purpose of your plan to unite all things in Him (Ephesians 1:10). He is life, and my life is hidden in Him (Colossians 3:3). Apart from Him, I can do nothing (John 15:5). Thank you for eternal life, the gift of knowing you.



Jesus has authority to resurrect His followers. Jesus prays to the Father, "You have given [the Son] authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent" (17:2-3).

This week, purpose to know God. He is eternal life (1 John 5:20). How do we seek to know God more?

- Every day as you read the Word, pay attention to what it reveals about God's character.
 - Meditate on the character of God. He is your life.
 - Choose one attribute of God's character to meditate on each day, such as His holiness, goodness, mercy, grace, or justice. As you think about these throughout the day, remember that everything you have comes from Him, and give Him glory (James 1:17; John 3:27).
- Every day as you go throughout your day, be intentional to remember that your life is found in Jesus. You can do nothing apart from Him (15:5). He is the living and true God (1 Thessalonians 1:9).
 - Be on guard against idols and false ideas of where your life comes from. It is not in yourself or in this world.