

# John 17 Meditation Questions

## John 17:1-5

Jesus prays for Himself

<sup>1</sup> Jesus said these things, then lifting up his eyes to heaven, he said, "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may also glorify you; <sup>2</sup> even as you gave him authority over all flesh, so he will give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

Meditation Question: What was Jesus referring to in verse 1 when He said, "Father, the time has come, glorify your Son, that your Son may also glorify you?"

<sup>3</sup> This is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and him whom you sent, Jesus Christ.

Meditation Question: Explain the meaning of eternal life in your own words.

<sup>4</sup> I glorified you on the earth. I have accomplished the work which you have given me to do. <sup>5</sup> Now, Father, glorify me with your own self with the glory which I had with you before the world existed.

Meditation Question: How did Jesus glorify His Father when He was in this world? Describe the glory He had before the world existed.

## John 17:6-10

Jesus prays for His disciples: "I have revealed You to them."

<sup>6</sup> "I revealed **your name** to the people whom you have given me out of the world. They were yours, and you have given them to me. They have kept your word.

<sup>7</sup> Now they have known that all things whatever you have given me are from you, <sup>8</sup> for the words which you have given me I have given to them; and they received them, and knew for sure that I came from you. They have believed that you sent me.

<sup>9</sup> I pray for them. I don't pray for the world, but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All things that are mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.

Meditation Question: Jesus referred to His Father fourteen times in verses 6-10. What can we learn about prayer from this?

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Meditation Question: **What did the disciples know for sure about Jesus?**

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Meditation Question: **Why did Jesus pray for His disciples and not for people in the world?**

### John 17:11-19

Jesus prays for His disciples: "I pray You will protect them."

<sup>11</sup> I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them through your **name which you have given me**, that they may be one, even as we are.

<sup>12</sup> While I was with them in the world, **I kept them in your name**. I have kept those whom you have given me. None of them is lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

<sup>13</sup> But now I come to you, and I say these things in the world, that they may have my joy made full in themselves.

Meditation Question: **What did Jesus mean when He prayed, "Keep them through your name which you have given me that they may be one, even as we are one?"**

<sup>13</sup> But now I come to you, and I say these things in the world, that they may have my joy made full in themselves.

Meditation Question: **Jesus said in Verse 11 that He had kept them through the name the Father had given Him, "that they may be one, even as we are." How would being one produce the fullness of Christ's joy in them (and in us)?**

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<sup>14</sup> I have given them your word. The world hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup> I pray not that you would take them from the world, but that you would keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in your truth. Your word is truth.

Meditation Question: What did Jesus mean when He said, "I have given them your word?"

Meditation Question: What did Jesus mean when he said that the world hated His disciples "because they are not of the world?"

Meditation Question: What does "sanctify" mean?

Meditation Question: How are we sanctified through God's word?

<sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, even so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> For their sakes I sanctify myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.

Meditation Question: How did Jesus "sanctify Himself?"

### John 17:20-26

Jesus prays for all believers

<sup>20</sup> "Not for these only do I pray, but for those also who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that you sent me."

Meditation Question: According to these verses, how can we be one with other believers? Why do you think the world will believe that Jesus was sent by His Father if we are one?

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<sup>22</sup> "The glory which you have given me, I have given to them, that they may be one, even as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them, and you in me, that they may be perfected into one, that the world may know that you sent me and loved them, even as you loved me."

Meditation Question: Why do you think being one with each other is so important to God?

<sup>24</sup> "Father, I desire that they also whom you have given me be with me where I am, **that they may see my glory** which you have given me, for you loved me before the foundation of the world."

Meditation Question: Jesus prayed that we would be with Him and see His glory. What do you think it will be like to be with Jesus and to see His glory?

<sup>25</sup> "Righteous Father, the world hasn't known you, but I knew you; and these knew that you sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made known to them **your name**, and will make it known; that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Meditation Question: How do you know that Jesus was sent by His Father? How does Jesus make the Father's name known to us now? What is His purpose?

## John 17 Summing Up

Meditation Question: What did Jesus pray for His disciples? How can we pray for our disciples?

Meditation Question: From this prayer in John 17, what do we know is important to Jesus and to the Father?