

Sermon Notes

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What Matters to Jesus

(John 17:1-5)

A. The Glory of God

"Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You.." (17:1)

B. The Eternal Good of People

"...even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life. This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." (17:2-3)

C. Finishing His Job

"I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do. Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was." (17:4-5)

For Further Thought and Discussion

Getting Started

What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?

If you knew this was your final day on earth, what would you need to see to consider your life well-lived?

Going Deeper

1. Please read John 17:1. Jesus is hours away from the cross. What would you be praying for in His place? What does He pray for? Why? The Westminster Catechism says, "The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever." What does it mean to glorify God? How did Jesus glorify God? If the glory of God mattered most to you, how might this change the way you live?
2. Please read John 17:2-3. How did Jesus glorify God? Why did God give Jesus authority over all people? How does He use that authority? What does this tell you about Him? How does Jesus define eternal life? If the eternal good of people mattered most to you, how might this change the way you live?

3. Please read John 17:4-5. What strikes you about Jesus' report to His Father? What does this tell you about Jesus? What do you think you would need to do in order to pray, "I have accomplished the work You have given me to do?"

Application

What is one thing you can do this week to apply this passage?