

# *famous* **last words.**

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## Part 1 | **Jesus's Famous Prayer**

John 17

Jesus prays for **HIMSELF**.

John 17:1-5

Hebrews 12:1-2

Jesus prays for the **APOSTLES**.

John 17:6-19

John 17:17

Jesus prays for **US**, his church.

John 17:20-26

Ephesians 1:3-4

John 18:1

**What is this?** – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card at the Connect Desk.

**Use this guide for further personal and group study this week.** For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this as a guide for further study and growth personally.

## Getting Started

**In this short series we're looking at some of Jesus's final words before his death.** The approach of death has a way of bringing our priorities into very sharp focus. People who know death is imminent also know what is really important in life and who they really care about.

*Other than your relationship with the Lord, what two or three relationships are most valuable to you? What one thing would you ask God to do for each of those important people?*

*What is one goal you hope to reach before the end of your life?*

## Review...

**Review your message notes.** What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it as a group.

## Digging Deeper

In Jesus' final prayer with his disciples, he prays for himself, for them and for you! Every believer is on Jesus' mind as he faces the greatest trial of his life—the cross. **Read John 17.**

1. Jesus makes only one request for himself—that the Father would glorify him so he might glorify the Father. Why do you think that was so important to Jesus?
2. To what extent is God's glory foremost in your mind on a daily basis? Explain your answer.
3. How is Jesus' definition of eternal life (**v. 3**) different from merely living forever?
4. According to **verses 6–19**, what specific ministries does Jesus have toward his disciples?

5. Twice Jesus asks the Father to protect his disciples from the evil one (**verses 11, 15**). Why would that protection be so important in Jesus' mind as he faces the cross?
6. Jesus also asks the Father to sanctify his disciples through his Word (**v. 17**). How can we allow God's Word to have that kind of effect on our lives?
7. Jesus prays that those who believe in him would be one, "so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (**verses 21, 23**). Why is our unity a powerful argument for the truth of Jesus' claims?
8. In what practical ways can we demonstrate our oneness with other believers?
9. Jesus obviously prays this prayer out loud to bring comfort and assurance to his disciples. How do Jesus' words encourage or assure you?
10. Jesus does not simply pray for the immediate, urgent needs of himself and his disciples. Instead he focuses on the long-range, important goals of their ministries. How are your prayers like or unlike Jesus' prayer?

## Closing

*Pray for everyone in your group, and express to God your sincere desire to glorify him in all you do.*

## Now or Later...

Construct your own prayer based on Jesus' model. Pray for yourself, the people closest to you and the people whom you influence in the workplace or neighborhood. What do you want God to accomplish long-range in each person? Now pray the prayer regularly. Refine it as God gives you direction. Watch God work!

This week's study is adapted from Douglas Connelly, *John 13–21: Jesus, the Living Way to God: 13 Studies for Individuals or Groups: With Notes for Leaders, A LifeGuide Bible Study* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Connect: An Imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2002), 29–31.

# Word Find in the Word

*Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.*

## Word Find for John 17:16-24 (NIRV)

*Find the words **bolded** below.*

<sup>16</sup>“They do not **belong** to the **world**, **just** as I do not **belong** to it. <sup>17</sup>Use the **truth** to **make** them **holy**. Your **word** is **truth**. <sup>18</sup>You **sent** me into the **world**. In the **same** way, I have **sent** them into the **world**. <sup>19</sup>I **make** myself **holy** for them so that they too can be **made holy** in a **true sense**. <sup>20</sup>“I do not **pray only** for them. I **pray also** for those who will **believe** in me **because** of their **message**. <sup>21</sup>**Father**, I **pray** that all of them will be one, **just** as you are in me and I am in you. I **want** them **also** to be in us. **Then** the **world** will **believe** that you have **sent** me. <sup>22</sup>“I have **given** them the **glory** you **gave** me. I did this so they would be one, **just** as we are one. <sup>23</sup>I will be in them, **just** as you are in me. I **want** them to be **brought together perfectly** as one. This will let the **world know** that you **sent** me. It will **also show** the **world** that you have **loved** those you **gave** me, **just** as you have **loved** me. <sup>24</sup>“**Father**, I **want** those you have **given** me to be with me where I am. I **want** them to see my **glory**, the **glory** you have **given** me. You **gave** it to me **because** you **loved** me before the **world** was created.

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