

# THE GREATEST PRAYER IN HISTORY

John 17

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Cell Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at [www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons](http://www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons).

## CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- Did you do anything for spring break? Why is time away important? How can prayer be a time to disconnect with the world and reconnect with God?

## APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

### *Intro:*

- **Read** John 17 together. In the message on Sunday, Pastor Pat gave us **5 reasons** Jesus prayed for himself, his disciples, and us.
- Look back at the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard (a new idea, an application, an illustration, a challenge, a question, or a new way of thinking)?

**#1 - That God would be glorified (John 17:1)** - As Christians, we exist to glorify God. (1 Corinthians 10:31, Matthew 5:16) What needs to be added or taken away in your life in order to make God number one? Pastor Pat said, "In His glory, we glory." Discuss what this means.

**#2 - That eternal life would be given (John 17:2-3)** - The Father gave up the Son. The Son gave up Himself. We give ourselves back to God in Faith. How can we pray to that end? What do we need to give back to God, with eternity in mind?

**#3 - That his followers would be set apart to do his work (John 17:6-19)**— God wants to sanctify us to glorify Himself and spread His name in a lost world. Sanctification happens when we "put off" sinful behavior and "put on" righteous behavior. How do you neglect one or the other? What's the danger of only doing one without the other?

**#4 - That his followers would be one (John 17:20-23)**— As brothers and sisters in Christ, how are you seeking to be one with other believers now, in preparation for the coming reality in heaven? Are there relationships in your life that don't have this unity?

**#5 - That the world would take notice (John 17:23-26)** - Does the love that you demonstrate to others draw people to the love of God? How does disunity distract from the Gospel?

## PRAY WITH EACH OTHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that your lives would bring glory to God.
- Pray for unity amongst believers

