

"Father, the Hour Has Come"

JOHN 17 · LESSON 20

As Jesus makes his way with the apostles to the Garden of Gethsemane, John is sharing with us what he heard, what was on the mind of the Lord, and what Jesus communicated moments before his betrayal. We last heard him share...

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have _____ the world." (16:33)

How many times in John's Gospel have we heard something about "the hour" that had not yet come?

And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My _____ has not yet come." (2:4)

So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had _____ yet come. (7:30)

These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not _____ come. (8:20)

Now, in **John 17**, notice what John tells us:

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour _____ come; _____ your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him 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. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the _____ that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you _____ the world existed. (17:1-5)

What is being shared with us is a prayer of Jesus to his Father in heaven. Throughout **John 17**, he prays for his first followers (17:6-19).

"I do not ask that you take them _____ of the world, but that you _____ them from the evil one. They are not _____ the world, just as I am not of the world. _____ them in the truth; your word is _____. As you sent me into the world, so I have _____ them into the world." (17:15-18)



But notice who else Jesus prayed for that night.

"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will _____ in me _____ their word, that they may all be _____, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the _____ may believe that you have sent me." (17:20-21)

How precious to know what Jesus prayed and who he prayed for that night. Let's talk about it...

For Class & Family Discussion:

- “When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, ‘Father...’” (17:1). Don’t just read right over that. What can we learn about prayer, even from just that one verse?
- We hear several things about “glory” and “glorifying” in 17:1-5.
 - How had the Son “glorified” the Father throughout his time among us?
 - What do you think Jesus had in mind when he prayed for the Father to “glorify” him?
 - What really important thing do we learn about the Son’s glory in 17:5? What does that mean?
- John 17:6-8 is one way of summarizing Jesus’ mission on earth. Let’s reread that together. In your own words, how would you summarize the purpose of Jesus’ mission?
- As you look a little closer at 17:9-19, what stands out to you about the things Jesus prayed for the apostles?
- Who is Jesus talking about in 17:12? What Scripture was fulfilled?
- As you look a little closer at 17:20-23, what stands out to you about the things Jesus prayed for “those who will believe in me through” the work of the apostles?
- Listen carefully to what Jesus prayed in 17:24. What does Jesus desire? What does that have to do with you and me?
- What do we need to carry away with us from this encounter with Jesus? How should what he prayed and who he prayed for impact our week?