# The Gospel Of John

### **ICEBREAKER**

If you could be any animal in a zoo, which one would you choose and why?

### CONTEXT

Our passage for today includes the beginning of Jesus' high priestly prayer in John 17:1-5. Jesus models the significance of prayer in times of suffering and pressure. He defines eternal life as knowing God, not just going to heaven.

### **PASSAGE**

John 17:1-5

### **DISCUSS**

- What stood out to you as we read the text?Why?
- Jesus' first response to suffering was to turn to God in prayer. How does suffering act as a pressure test in our lives, and why is turning to prayer important when we face difficulties?
- In John 17:1-5, what does Jesus teach us about the posture of prayer and the importance of focusing on God's glory?
- How does Jesus define eternal life in John 17, and how does that differ from common misconceptions about it?
- With a potentially new way of viewing eternal life, how has your understanding of eternal life changed after studying this scripture? How can this impact your daily walk with God?
- What is the role of good works in the lives of believers, and how do they relate to the finished work of Jesus?

## How will you apply this to your life?

- Can you think of a time when you faced difficulties and chose prayer? How did that experience impact your relationship with God?
- Jesus "lifts His eyes" when praying. What changes might you need to make to adopt a similar posture and focus on God's glory in your prayer life?
- How can you develop a deeper, more personal relationship with God in this season of your life?
- What tangible ways can you engage in good works to glorify God and deepen your faith?

## How will you pass it on to someone?

- If someone asked you to explain why John 17:1-5 is in the Bible, what would you tell them? Why?
- How will you incorporate what you've learned into your interactions with others?

## TAKE TIME TO PRAY

- Pray for a heart that seeks to glorify God in all things, even in times of suffering and pressure. Ask for God's strength to lift our eyes and focus on His glory, as Jesus did.
- Pray for a deeper understanding and appreciation of the finished work of Jesus, and ask for the courage and will to engage in good works that glorify God in response to His grace.
- Pray for future hope and longing for the glory of God, asking for the grace to align our lives to glorify God.

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