

# A Life of Prayer.

Week #8: Jesus at Prayer #1 - John17

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As we complete Lent, it's important that we study Jesus at prayer. How did He approach prayer? How did prayer inform His view of life and His world? What can we learn about prayer from the Master?

## Study Questions: *Praying together.*

1. Read John 17. What are your first impressions of our Lord's prayer in John 17? How does it differ from His instruction about prayer in Matthew 6:9-13?
2. Pastor Ken brought up six important words that are found repeatedly in Jesus' prayer. Let's look at each of them again.
  - a. Father. If God was not Jesus' Father, what would change for Jesus, and for us?
    - Use 5 words that describe God's Father-nature to you? Does "Abba" (daddy) describe any of your words? Why/why not?
    - If you could use a term instead of Father for God, what would it be? Why?
  - b. Glory. Read Hebrews 1:1-4. When you think about Jesus, do you think about the glory of God? If not, what do you think of?
  - c. Know. The deepest preoccupation of Jesus is that his Father is known to the world.
    - Rank the following in order of how well you "know" God: intellectually; emotionally; spiritually; relationally. Where would you like to know Him more deeply?
  - d. True. The second deepest preoccupation of Jesus is that the world knows the truth, and that he is the Truth.
    - List what are to you the ten most important truths about Jesus Christ. What make them so important? Are any of them relatively new to you?
    - If Jesus *is* the Truth, how are we at New Life doing at living life together in Him - the Truth, the Life, the Way?
    - How is living in Jesus changing the Cowichan Valley? What is happening that would not be were Christ not living through His people?
  - e. World. Pastor Ken said that secular people miss seeing the organized opposition to God that Christians see. If this is true, what do people who do not know God see when they observe evil and its consequences? when they see good? How might understanding this help us respond to them intelligently and appropriately?
  - f. Keep. God *keeps* us in His protective grace as we *keep* Jesus at the centre of our lives.
    - Where have you seen God's "keeping" over you lately?
    - Take some time and thank Him for keeping you amid a broken world.