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### Key idea:

Jesus prays that God would have glory through him, so that God's people can have eternal life.

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John 17:1-5

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. <sup>2</sup> For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. <sup>3</sup> Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

### Key points:

1. Glorifying God should be our primary purpose in life.
2. We can do nothing apart from God, but with Him, there's nothing we can't do.
3. Prayer and Scripture reading go hand in hand in building our relationship with God.
4. Eternal life is not just a future hope but a present reality for believers.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What does "glory" mean in the context of this passage? How does Jesus seek to bring glory to God?
2. How does Jesus' prayer in John 17 challenge our understanding of the relationship between glory, work, and eternal life?
3. In what ways does the concept of Jesus praying for God's glory challenge our own motivations in prayer and service?

4. How might our approach to prayer change if we truly believed, like Jesus, that we can do nothing apart from the Father?
5. Mitchell mentioned that Jesus relied on God the Father. How can we cultivate a similar reliance on God in our daily lives?
6. The teaching emphasized the importance of doing God's work to bring Him glory. What are some ways we can glorify God through our everyday actions and responsibilities?
7. What does it mean to 'know' God and Jesus Christ in the context of eternal life, and how is this different from mere intellectual knowledge?
8. How does prayer contribute to building our relationship with God? Share experiences of how prayer has impacted your spiritual life.
9. The teaching suggests that eternal life begins now for believers. How does this perspective change the way we approach our current lives?
10. Mitchell mentioned the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, etc.) as evidence of Christ's work. Which of these fruits do you find most challenging to cultivate, and why?

### **Practical Applications:**

1. Commit to a daily prayer time this week, focusing on glorifying God and seeking His presence.
2. Identify one area of your life where you can intentionally work to bring glory to God.
3. Read through John 17 in its entirety this week, reflecting on Jesus' prayer for His disciples and for us.
4. Practice relying on God in challenging situations, remembering that His strength is made perfect in our weakness.
5. Share the gospel or your testimony with someone this week, pointing them to the eternal life found in Christ.