

"I Am the Resurrection and the Life"

The Gospel of John

John 17:1–19

Read John 17:1–19.

The first words of Jesus in this passage are “Father, the time has come” (v. 1). Jesus knows his arrest, trial and crucifixion are imminent. In the preceding chapters of John, Jesus has been preparing his disciples for his departure. In our passage, he continues teaching them by letting them listen in on his prayer.

1. How would you describe Jesus' state of mind as he prays?
 2. As Jesus looks ahead to his suffering and death, how is his response different from what yours might be?
 3. Why does Jesus ask God to glorify him? (v. 1b)
 4. For what purpose did the Father give Jesus authority over all people? (v. 2)
 5. How is your understanding of eternal life the same or different from that of Jesus (v. 3)?
 6. Jesus says he has brought the Father glory by completing the work God gave him to do (v. 4). What was this work? (Hint: Look for statements Jesus makes that start with "I ____.")
- v. 6

vv. 8, 14

v. 12

v. 18

7. After praying for himself in John 17:1–5, Jesus now prays for his disciples. Listen in on the way Jesus prays for them in verses 6–12.
 - a. How does he speak with the Father about them?

 - b. How will what Jesus prayed bring the disciples (and you) joy?

8. Jesus is concerned for his disciples.
 - a. Why? (vv. 11a, 14, 16)

 - b. What does he ask the Father to do for them? (v. 11b, 15)

 - c. Why was this not a concern before? (v. 12)

9. Why are the disciples “not of the world” (v. 16)? (v. 6; 15:19;  * Col. 1:13)

10. Jesus asks the Father to sanctify those who believe in him.
 - a. How will he do this? (v. 17)

 - b. For what purpose? (v. 18)

11. In verse 19, Jesus says he sanctifies himself so the disciples may be truly sanctified. The word “sanctify” means to be set apart for God’s service. Jesus’ disciples, and we, as well, are also set apart for God’s service.
 - a. Where does service to God take place? (v. 15, 18)

 - b. As you consider the “world” you live in, for what service to God have you been set apart?

 - c. In what ways can you engage more fully in this service?

*The  symbol indicates verses for further study.