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Who is Jesus? The Gospel of John – Week 42

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Summary:

John 17 is one of the most famous passages in the four Gospels. Known as the "High Priestly Prayer," chapter 17 represents a shift in the narrative. Jesus moves from speaking **to** his disciples to praying **for** his disciples. As he prays, he reveals his heart for God's glory, and he begins to outline the relationship between the glory of God and the unity of God's people.

Discussion:

1. What was the most important take-away for you from this week's message?

2. Why do you think Jesus focused on God's glory, particularly in relation to the short amount of time he had left (v. 1)? What was the ultimate purpose of Jesus' ministry, based on this passage?

3. **Application**: How does Jesus' focus on God's glory relate to the gospel message we usually hear? Is God's glory at the center of the gospel that you share? Why or why not?

4. How many times is the word "give" (or a form of that word) used in this passage? What's the significance of that repetition?

5. What does it mean that the Father gave Jesus his authority? What did that authority entail? What was its purpose?

6. How does this passage help you understand the relationship(s) among the members of the Trinity? What questions does it leave you with?

7. What is God's role in preparing and sustaining his people for their task? See especially vv. 6, 8, and 11.

8. **Application**: What is our role in completing the task given to us as a people for God's glory? See vv. 6, 8, and 11.

9. What does it mean for the Father to "keep" his people in his name (v. 11)? Application: Why is this necessary in today's world?

10. **Application**: Why do you think Jesus emphasizes the importance of oneness (v. 11)? How would greater unity (unity that reflects the unity of the trinitarian God) change the witness and power of the church in the world?

11. How would you 'title' this section? In other words, how would you restate the main purpose John had (as the author) in writing this passage?