**1. Motivate**

What is the greatest honor you or someone you know has received?

* MVP in a sport

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* purple heart for military service
* alumni of the year
* highest volume of sales for the year
* first place team in a local sports league
* most traffic tickets for the year (given? received?)
* high school state champs in football/basketball/hockey/ etc.
* marching band competition honors

**2. Transition**

We occasionally receive glory and fame for our accomplishments.

* Ultimately God is the One who deserves glory for His love for us.
* God’s voice always leads us to glorify Him and accomplish His purposes.

**3. Bible Study**

3.1 Share Eternal Life

Listen for an offer of eternal life.

John 17:1-3 (NIV) After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. 2 For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. 3 Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent

To what was Jesus referring with the phrase the hour is come?

* the crucifixion was coming soon
* the culmination of Jesus’ ministry of redemption was approaching
* He was about to complete the work the Father gave Him

Jesus asks of the Father

* Glorify Your Son
* So that Your Son will glorify You

Why do you think this prayer was said out loud for the disciples to hear?

* so they would hear it as a model of praise and honor to God the Father
* to show Jesus’ relationship with the Father
* was in a sense a teaching prayer

For what reasons do we turn to God in prayer? About what sort of things do we *usually* pray?

* most often for physical needs
* sometimes referred to as an “organ recital” (heart, gall bladder, stomach, etc.)
* we pray about problems in our lives
* we pray for our ailing/aging parents, success and safety of children, grandchildren

Contrast with the example of prayer Jesus gives in this passage.

* Jesus *worshiped*, gave glory to God the Father
* He prayed for *spiritual needs* of His disciples
* He noted *attributes of God* the Father – power, authority, eternality, God is a personal God who can be known by us

What does Jesus' statement about "the only true God" imply?

* people have other deities (false gods) to whom (or to which) they give allegiance
* may be named deities as in some foreign cultures (Buddah, Hindu deities, etc.)
* may be elements of our everyday world
* anything to which we give higher priority in our lives over God is an idol …
* a false god that, in effect, we worship

What is the nature and the source of eternal life?

* to know God
* to experience a personal relationship with God through Jesus
* we think of eternity as an “infinite period of time, in God’s presence”
* that includes *now* … we have an ongoing personal relationship with God
* in this life His Holy Spirit dwells within us
* may well be that “eternity” is outside the dimension of time

What does it mean to glorify God in our lives? How can we bring glory to God? What are some everyday things we can do to glorify God?

* trust, belief, faith – to receive the message of salvation through Jesus Christ as Truth for you personally
* submission to God, obedience, service, ministry
* allow God to live and work through our lives
* to allow God’s Spirit to demonstrate the Fruit of the Spirit through us
* to be light and salt to a dark and hurting world
* involvement in the Great Commission … taking the Good News of salvation to all peoples

3.2 Continue the Work Jesus Gave Us

Listen for how Jesus’ work on earth is completed.

John 17:4-5 (NIV) I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

What are some synonyms for “glory” (noun) and for “glorify” (verb)?

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| Noun - Glory | Verb – Glorify |
| magnificence, splendor, beauty  wonder, grandeur, brilliance | worship, adore, lionize, exalt  deify, elevate, venerate  praise, extol |

How did God the Father glorify Jesus when He was on the earth?

* God the Father spoke when Jesus was baptized by John
* God the Father spoke when Jesus was transfigured on the mountain
* raised Him from the dead on the 3rd day

What could Jesus confidently say He had accomplished by His life and ministry on earth? How did Jesus bring God glory on earth?

* represent Who God Is and what He is like
* Jesus said that “if you’ve seen me, you’ve seen the Father”
* demonstrate God’s power and authority
* show God’s love for us
* within hours He would die on the cross as a sacrifice to take the judgment/punishment of death that we deserve

What are some examples of work God has called *us* to complete?

* the great commission
* surrender to God’s control of our lives
* allow God’s power to be working through us
* show God’s love to hurting people
* to be God’s witnesses … a witness tells what he or she has seen, heard, experienced

What are some sacrifices Christians are called to make to do the Lord’s work?

* give of their time – involvement in local church ministries
* give of their talents – teach, sing, maintain, lead, communicate …
* give of their finances to enable spiritual ministries – the local church, foreign missionary outreach

3.3 Pray and Disciple Others

Listen for how Jesus prays for the disciples.

John 17:6-9 (NIV) "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. 8 For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. 9 I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.

What are some words and phrases used to describe the men of whom Jesus spoke in verse 6?

* Jesus revealed the Father to them
* God the Father gave them to Jesus
* they belonged to God the Father
* the men have obeyed God

How had these men, the disciples responded to Jesus’ teachings? What did they believe?

* they know all that Jesus gave them belongs ultimately to God the Father
* they accepted Jesus’ words from the Father
* they are convinced that Jesus came from God the Father, that He sent Jesus

What are the qualities of someone who does a great job of discipling others?

* knowledge of God’s Word
* submission to God, filled with God’s Spirit
* communication skills
* willing to spend time preparing
* is motivated to accomplish God’s purposes
* compassion, empathy
* models what is taught

For whom did Jesus particularly pray in this instance?

* for the disciples
* for all those the Father had given him
* *not* the world

Note: this does *not* mean Jesus did not (and we should not) pray for non-believers.

* In this setting His prayer was specifically on behalf of His disciples
* We too are charged to pray for others – for one another, for fellow believers
* At the same time, we know we are praying *in God’s will* to pray for the salvation of those who need Jesus in their lives. (2 Peter 3:9 NIV “The Lord is … not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”)

Whether great or small, public or private, what might the Lord be calling us to do in His service whereby you bring Him glory?

* daily communication with God – study, meditate on God’s Word and talk to God
* participate in corporate worship
* praise and worship in private
* come to preaching and Bible study opportunities
* be involved in Kingdom ministries – local outreach, mission trips, financial support of foreign missions
* support ministries to those in need, homeless, people in poverty

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List.

* Make a list of things you know God has told you to do.
* Mark an F beside each one you have finished.
* Mark a U beside those yet unfinished.
* Then pray and ask God for direction in completing those things.

Intercede.

* Pray for others.
* Pray for them by name, asking God to work in their lives in a way that brings glory to God.

Disciple.

* You can honor God as you disciple and lead others to a deeper walk with Christ.
* Ask God to lead you to an individual you can disciple.
* Let God use you for His glory in the life of another.

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