



Men's Bible Study_The Gospel According to John

JOHN 17 - Read through the chapter and summarize each paragraph division.

Verses	Summary
1-5	
6-19	
20-26	

1. In this chapter, Jesus spends time with the Father. This section of Scripture is called the High Priestly Prayer. As we read, we get to be a “fly on the wall” and hear what Jesus thinks about us, what He wants for us, and what He died for us to know by experience. We get an insight into His relationship with the Father and how our relationship with God can be. Wow! Look up the following verses and record Jesus’ seven specific requests:

a. John 17:1

b. John 17:5

c. John 17:11,15

d. John 17:17

e. John 17:21-23

f. John 17:21b

g. John 17:24

2. Challenge: Define prayer

3. Since Jesus is God, one might think He would not have needed to pray; yet Jesus spent much time in prayer. Explain some reasons why this is so. Look for answers in the Scriptures first, but also feel free to share any personal insights you might have.
4. What definition for eternal life does Jesus give in this prayer?
5. In John 17:6-8, Jesus addresses the fact that He has faithfully revealed the Father *to the men whom You have given Me out of the world*. This refers to not only the disciples, but to all believers. Read Matthew 11:27. Name some of the ways God has revealed Himself to us.
 - a. God reveals Himself to us primarily through His Word. The 3rd question in the *Westminster Shorter Catechism* is “What do the Scriptures principally teach?” There are two answers. What do you think they are?
6. In John 17:9-18, Jesus intercedes on behalf of all believers, specifically regarding our relationship to the *world*. We are *in the world*, but we are not to be *of the world*. Describe what our relationship should be to the *world*.
7. Read Jesus’ request in John 17:24. Meditate on the **fact** that Jesus **wants** to be with **you** forever! What is your response?
8. So What! What has God shown you in John 17 and what are you going to do about it?