

Scripture and Background Information for June 17-23

Before Sunday, June 24, we would like each group member to personally study **John 17:20-25** and to discuss it with their group. Group members should complete the **GOD'S WORDS** and **MY WORDS** columns in our new **Discussion Guide**.

Background Information for John 17:20-25

Continuing our series *The Ology of Doxology*, we'll look at **John 17:20-25**. We are examining how **God's Glory is interwoven throughout the story of Scripture and the way He invites all of his people into this story**. Declaring and displaying who God is and what he is like is our God-given calling that is fundamental to our faith.

In John 17, Jesus offers a powerful prayer in His most difficult season. Right before Jesus will give his life on the cross, He takes the time to pray for his followers. He begins praying for those disciples in whom he had spent the last three years investing. Then in v20 there is a turn, and he begins to pray for "those who will believe in me through [the disciples'] message." Yes, for the rest of John 17, Jesus is praying for **us!** Don't miss how He prays for you!

As we have been seeing through this series, "glory" is an important theme. Jesus refers to glory that he gives his followers which was given to him from the Father. Jesus was speaking of His bringing the full knowledge of God to them. The revelation of who God is results in glory for God. When believers understand and believe the revelation of God that Jesus brought, we become partakers of that glory. And we are even given the honor to share it to others.

You are invited to join *The Summer of 10,000 Blessings*, June 10 – August 19

Our calling as Christ-followers is to *display and declare who God is and what He's like everywhere we go*. Join with us this summer in being intentional to find at least one way each week to BLESS someone who does not know Christ! Imagine the cumulative impact we can make in our city if we make this commitment together!

Sign up by texting "Bless" to 33222. We'll send you a weekly reminder and encouragement.

Here are the Scriptures for your group to discuss during the weeks of...

June 24-30 2 Corinthians 3:12-18

July 1-7 Acts 19:8-10

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