

**Sermon: The Glory of God and the Mission of the Church.**  
**Series: *Glorified to Glorify God.***

**Scripture: John 17:1-5.**  
**Date: June 4, 2023**

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**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

**1. What does this passage teach us about God?**

a) This passage points to the Trinity (Father and Son)? Why is it so important to understand the Trinitarian nature of God if we want to understand God's glory? Think about: Can God be glorious if he is not a Trinity?

**2. What does this passage teach us about us?**

a) Jesus centered his life on the glory of God (v.1). What lesser glories have you tended to make the center of your life?

**3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

a) Jesus' greatest glory was the cross ("the hour" v.1). Why? Because the greatest glory is to give your glory to someone else. What examples of glory through sacrifice and giving have you seen in your life and/or the lives of others?

b) How would you describe eternal life? How is eternal life defined/described in verse 3? Do you have an intimate relationship with God through Jesus? How would you describe your relationship with God to someone who asked about it?

**APPLICATION**

a) Our mission is to go and make disciples. How confident are you in this mission? How does knowing that you have the cosmic Jesus who already accomplished his mission (v.4) allow you to have confidence in your witnessing and disciple making?

b) Read 17:18. Do you see yourself as sent by God? What role will you have in the church's mission to share the glory of God with the world? What about specifically in Grace Gives?

**FIGHTER VERSES: John 17: 15-19.**

**PRAYER**

- Praise God for his eternal glory.
- Confess ways that you have made lesser glories the center of your life.
- Thank Jesus for the glory of the cross that gives glory to others.
- Ask God to help you to live from the glory of God as you declare his message and do his good works.