

## LESSON REFLECTIONS

1. When you first think of “glory,” what comes to mind?
2. When Jesus spoke, “I have finished the work,” He was acknowledging that His life’s work counted. How could you know if your life counts for something? Do you feel your life could count more? Why or why not?
3. How does it make you feel to know that Jesus Christ is actually praying for you? Do you find comfort in such knowledge? Are you inspired to pray yourself?
4. Make a list of those things for which you normally pray.
5. If you were asked the question, ‘what happens when you pray,’ what would be your response?
6. What is one way God is transforming your life? Be specific.
7. What area do you think God needs to work in your life in 2011?

## Notes

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John 17

## I. THE PERSON OF THE GREATEST PRAYER EVER PRAYED **vv. 1-5**

### A. His Glory was Revealed in His Peerless Person

1. Sinless Person

📖 I Corinthians 3:18

📖 Hebrews 1:3

📖 John 1:14

📖 I Corinthians 15:45

📖 I Corinthians 15:22

2. Supernatural Power

### B. His Glory was Revealed in His Perfect Passion

1. Jesus was asking  
for death

2. Jesus anticipated  
death

3. Jesus' death was  
an accomplished death

4. Jesus' death was  
an atoning death

📖 Matthew 28:18

📖 I Corinthians 11:3

### A GLEANING FROM THE GREEK

During Jesus' prayer, He uses a Greek term translated as "glory" or glorify in verse 5. The literal word is "*doxa*" and is the basis of our English word, Doxology. It primarily signifies an extremely high estimate of honor or reverence, even worship. Jesus was anticipating ascending to the Father once again, after His Birth, death, and resurrection.

### C. His Glory was Revealed in His Present Position

1. He existed as God with Glory

2. He emptied Himself of His Glory

📖 Philippians 2:8

📖 John 13:1-10

## II. THE PETITION OF THE GREATEST PRAYER EVER PRAYED **vv. 6-19**

### A. Jesus Petitioned the Father Concerning our Difficulty

- We are saved out of the world.
- We are still in the world.
- We are not to be of the world.
- We are sent into the world.

### B. Jesus Petitioned the Father Concerning our Deliverance

1. The Word of God is a Tender Gift.
2. The Word of God is a Truthful Gift.
3. The Word of God is a Transformational Gift.
  - a. When there is an abstraction in your head.  
📖 II Corinthians 12:1-10

## III. THE PRODUCT OF THE GREATEST PRAYER EVER PRAYED **vv. 20-26**

### A. The Promise of Glory

### B. The Process of Glory

### C. The Perfection of Glory