

Small Group Questions

In this passage, we get to see God the Son praying to God the Father. As such, there is much that we can learn about prayer.

1. When you are praying, what does your prayer life look like? What do you pray for others? What do you pray for yourself?
2. How are Jesus' prayers for himself similar or different from your prayers for yourself?
3. What does knowing God and his Son Jesus have to do with eternal life? Later, in 1 John 5:11-13, John tells us that we can know that we have eternal life. Read that passage together. How confident are you that God has given you eternal life?
4. Leonardo da Vinci said, "Art is never finished, only abandoned." Not so with Jesus. What work was Jesus sent into the world to complete? What were some of the results of this work in relation to God . . . to his disciples . . . to you?
5. What had Jesus experienced before the world began? What must his glory have been like? How did that change while he was here among us? (See Philippians 2:5-11). How does Jesus extend this heavenly relationship to us?
6. How did Jesus bring glory to God? Think of several ways. How do we bring glory to God? What are some ways you can bring glory to God this week?
7. How will observing Jesus' conversation with God change the way you pray in the future?

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Devotional Guide

Why did Jesus come into the world? The following are some of the reasons given to us in Scripture. This week, reflect on these reasons that Jesus came and respond to him in prayer.

Monday – Jesus came to reveal the Father to you.

Matthew 11:27

All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Tuesday – Jesus came to give you life—here on earth and eternal.

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.

Wednesday – Jesus came to free you from what imprisons you.

Luke 4:18

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed.

Thursday – Jesus came to serve you.

Matt. 20:28

Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Friday – Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil.

Hebrews 2:14

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death -- that is, the devil.