

Sermon Topic: Jesus' Prayer by Ps Lynette Sathiasingam
Sermon Text: John 17

A. Verse 1-5: Jesus Prays For Himself To Glorify God

"...he (Jesus) looked toward heaven and prayed", this outward position exhibits an inward posture that we do not usually associate with being deep in prayer.

- Perhaps because we tend to focus on the form of our action when God is actually looking at the heart.

Glorify – repeated word in the text:

- Jesus seeks the Father's glory by doing his will, through his death, resurrection and ascension.
- The cross may be a humiliation to the world, but it's an instrument of glorification in God's eyes.
- Are we able to glorify God even when the world looks at us and laughs at us?

B. Verse 6-19: Jesus Prays For The Disciples

"As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world." – (vs 18)

God the Father granted Jesus Christ authority over all people. That same authority was given to the disciples by Jesus to make the Father known. To make God known not just as a form of head knowledge but also experiential knowledge. The disciples are to reveal Christ to the world through their thoughts, actions, words and being.

C. Verse 20-26: Jesus Prays For The Believers

Repeatedly we see these words: ONE, unity (vs 21-23)

Our unity:

- Helps the world knows Jesus.
- Points the world to the true source of love and acceptance so they won't look for it at all the wrong places.

