JOHN

A God Dependent Life

Section 4

April 5th

John 17

High Priestly Prayer

Read John 17:1-5

1. How many times are the words "*glory*" or "*glorify*" used in these five verses? What do you think this word means?

2. What authority has been given to Jesus by His Father?

3. Jesus gives a definition of eternal life in verse 3. How does this change your thinking about eternal life?

4. How could Jesus say that He had finished the work given to Him by His Father *before* He went to the Cross?

5. What do you think the glory was like that Jesus had before the world began?

DAY 2

Read John 17:6-12

1. (More counting) How many times do you see the words "*gave*" or "*given*" in these verses?

2. Have you ever considered that you are a love gift from God the Father to His Son, Jesus Christ?

3. How often do you pray for protection from the world and its influences on your life? The lives of your family members? Your community?

DAY 3

Read John 17:13-19

1. What does Jesus mean when He uses the term "*the world*?"

2. Who is the evil one? What power does the believer have against the evil one? (see Ephesians 6:10-17)

3. What is the difference between being *in* the world and being *of* the world?

4. How is a believer sanctified according to this passage?

DAY 4

Read John 17:20-25

1. Who is Jesus praying for in verse 20?

2. Why do you think Jesus stresses unity in His prayer for all believers?

3. What comfort do you receive knowing that Jesus has always existed, even before creation?

4. How do you see the great love of God in these verses? How often do you thank God for His great love for you?

DAY 5

Read John 17 again & Luke 23:39-46

1. Compare the "High Priestly Prayer" of John 17 to the prayer in Gethsemane (Mount of Olives) in Luke. How are these prayers different?

2. What new thought did you take away from this week's lesson?

3. How can the group pray for you this week?