

PRAYING FOR ONE GLORIOUS MISSION

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Get a Grip & Get a Life // Preparing for Departure // John 17:1-5

CONNECT – Announcements (page 2) & Building Relationships

1. What is one thing about your last week that could use a little prayer—or a little ice cream?
2. What is the funniest or most surprising prayer request you've ever heard, either as a child or in church?
3. Share something that recently brought you joy or made you grateful for God's good gifts (even if it's something small like chips, pizza, or ice cream)?

REFLECT - Out of the Word and Into Our Lives

4. Read John 17:1-5 [have someone read it aloud for group time]. What stood out to you in the sermon this week and what did God reveal to you in His Word, maybe for the first time?
5. When life gets hard, where do you tend to fix your eyes—on your problems, your plans, or on heaven's perspective?
6. As a Christian, how does knowing that “it ends in glory” change the way you endure trials today?
7. What are some ways our prayers can better reflect a desire for God's glory rather than our own comfort or success?
8. Jesus says eternal life is “to know the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom He has sent.” What's the difference between knowing about God and knowing Him personally?
9. What's one “gift” from God you often overlook that deserves fresh thanks and stewardship?
10. How can you use your everyday routines—at home, work, or school—as opportunities to make the glorious weight of Who our God is visible?
11. Jesus left heaven's glory for love of you. How might that truth reshape how you love others?

PROTECT – Care for one another (divided, gender-specific groups)

12. Is there an area where you need courage to live for God's glory instead of your own comfort?
13. What's one way our group can help you follow through on what God is prompting you to do to direct your life toward His glorious mission?

As Jesus modeled, take a moment to pray for God's glory to be revealed in each person's life and for group members to carry the mission forward together. Also, pray for one another's needs, whether they may seem “precious or preposterous.”



Announcements

(For groups meeting before Sunday) This **Saturday, October 18** has 2 noteworthy events. First, our men's ministry, Men of Vision, will meet for **Men's Breakfast in the Connections Café at 8am**. Then New Vision families, led by our Melding Moms group, will gather for a **fall family-friendly event at Armstrong Artisan Farms in Walnut Cove at 10:30am**, including a pumpkin patch, corn mazes, sunflower farm, games, music & more – over 30 activities are included. If you mention that you are with New Vision, you should receive a discounted admission of **\$13 per person**.

Our church will host a **Brunswick Stew Fundraiser** to support our Kiln Student Ministry students going to summer camp on **Saturday, October 25**. Volunteers will be needed to peel potatoes and dice onions the evening before starting at 6pm in the church fellowship hall and to stir the stew early on Saturday. Orders can be picked up **from 10:30-11:30am**.

Individual Options for Going Deeper

Glory was a big topic in this week's Scripture and message. Check out these resources below to gain greater insight into the nuances between God's glory, glorifying Him, and the future glorification of believers:

What is the glory of God? - <https://www.gotquestions.org/glory-of-God.html>

What does it mean to glorify God? - <https://www.gotquestions.org/glorify-God.html>

What is glorification? - <https://www.gotquestions.org/glorification.html>