



TRINITY
CHURCH

Sermon Discussion Guide
May 19, 2024
John 17:1-8

Read the sermon text (John 17:1-8) together and briefly summarize the main points of the sermon (see outline below). Recapping the sermon text and sermon outline can be a helpful way to start the group, even if everyone did hear the sermon. If someone did not hear the sermon, at least they have now heard the text, or part of the text...

It's Time.

John 17:1-8

Sermon Outline

1. Time to pray
2. Time to finish the work
3. Time to give
4. Time to receive

Sermon Thought: God is glorified through Jesus' completed work, and we receive eternal life through faith in him.

Sermon Discussion questions

*After briefly reviewing the message outline and text, use these questions to further examine the sermon and to discuss how these truths apply to daily life, so we can "be doers of the word, and not hearers only" (James 1:22). Based on your knowledge of the people in your home group, **select the questions that will best help you frame the group's discussion** of this sermon and sermon text. Don't feel like you need to discuss every question... And feel free to craft some of your own questions.*

1. "Prime the Pump" question—Have you ever had a job that was difficult to finish? Why was it so difficult?
2. Was there anything in the sermon or the text that stood out to you?
3. Our passage today talks about Jesus praying near the end of his ministry. Read some of these verses about Jesus praying earlier in his ministry. Try to name one thing that you can learn about praying from each one? Luke 3:21-22; Mark 1:35-36; Luke 5:16; Luke 6:12-13; John 6:11; Luke 11:1; Matt. 19:13-15.
4. Read John 17:4, 19:30. When Jesus says that he "finished the work," what is he talking about?
5. Read John 10:17-18, Romans 5:8. Jesus willingly finishes the work that God gives him—not reluctantly or out of a sense of obligation. Why do you think this is important?
6. The word "give" is used repeatedly in John 17. What does this tell us about God?

7. Read John 17:2—The Father gives Jesus authority over all humans. How does Jesus use that authority?
8. Does the fact that Jesus has all authority comfort you or scare you?
9. Read John 17:2,6. Why does Jesus emphasize that God “gives” him believers?
10. Read John 17:8—God gives Jesus the Words of life, and then Jesus gives those words to us. Read John 12:44-50. What are we supposed to do with the words of life?
11. Read John 17:2-3. The Son gives eternal life to everyone who believes. Define “eternal life” in your own words, based on these verses.
12. If you are a believer, you are called to glorify God. What things can you do to bring him glory?
13. Read John 1:12; 3:16; 6:44,47. Jesus says that we can receive eternal life by believing in him. When did you begin to believe in Jesus?
14. Why do you think that God wanted you to see/hear this passage today?
15. Text for next week: John 17:6-26