The High Priestly Prayer, Part 1
John 17:1-5

Main Point:
Since Jesus' prayer was answered for you, glorify the Father and Son today.

1. Jesus prayed for the Father to glorify Him.

2. This is because He wanted the Father to be glorified by Him.

3. This is because He wanted the elect to be given eternal life from Him.

4. Since Jesus' prayer was answered for you, glorify the Father and Son today.

Sinclair Ferguson "This whole chapter is like a stethoscope through which we can hear the Savior's heartbeat."

J.C. Ryle "Give glory to thy Son, by carrying him through the cross and the grave, to a triumphant completion of the work he came to do, and by placing him at thy right hand, and highly exalting him above every name that is named."

Psalm 40:7-8 7 Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book *it is* written of me. 8 I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law *is* within my heart." (NKJV)

Augustine "Christ says He has finished that which He most surely knows He will finish."

John 13:31 31 So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. (NKJV)

Richard Phillips "If we learn nothing else from the opening words of Jesus' prayer, we should notice that in Jesus' mind, the chief end of his saving work - and therefore the primary goal of our salvation - is the glory of God the Father."

Philippians 2:8-9 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, (NKJV)

Matthew Henry "Christ's dominion over the children of men is in order to the salvation of the children of God."

D.A. Carson "Eternal life is best seen not as everlasting life but as knowledge of the Everlasting One. To know God transforms a person and introduces him to a life he could not otherwise experience."

John 3:15 15 … Whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (NKJV)

Richard Phillips "To believe in Jesus Christ and receive eternal life means that we, too, can make the greatest of all ends - the glory of God - the chief aim of our lives. We can take up Christ's prayer, not in an atoning death … but in a cross-bearing life as his disciples, offering ourselves up to God and his gospel."

1 Corinthians 10:31 31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. (NKJV)