# The Focused Jesus

## Jesus’ ministry in the last week of His mortal life John 12:1-19:42

# John 17 Communicating with God

## Prayer part of the whole section

### One of 3 recorded prayers in John’s gospel

## Prayer based on knowledge of God

### Because I know this… I pray that…

## Gethsemane prayer?

# God a Father

## Jesus prays for Himself

### You are MY Father

#### Because of this I know that…

#### Because of that my prayer is…

##### Glorify me so that I can glorify you

##### Give back to me what I had with you before I left glory for this task

# God is Holy

## Jesus prays for the 11

### Holy Father

#### Because I know this…

#### I pray that…

##### You protect them so that they may be one

##### You sanctify them by truth that comes from Your word

# God is Righteous

## Jesus prays for the church to come

### Righteous Father

#### Because I know this…

#### I pray that…

##### They may join Me to see My glory

##### They may be one: United in Righteousness

### Righteousness is staying within the bounds of a relationship or a covenant

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# Read through John 17:1-5 and/or 17:6-19 and/or 17:20-26

## How many statements can you find about the relationship between Jesus and the Father?

## How many requests are there?

### What are they?

## How do these prayers inform the way we pray?

# Meditating

## Meditation is focusing on God and His attributes

### It is not just ‘thinking about things’

#### Read Gen 24:63; Josh 1:8; Ps 1:1-3; 19:1,14; 63:6; 77:12; 104:34; 119:54; Phil 4:8

### When focused on the Law it is looking for why it was given and how it can be implemented

#### Try meditating on aspects of God’s story

#### Try meditating on the 10 commandments, the two laws of Jesus, the Great Commission

##### How does this affect how you pray?

###### For yourself?

###### For your family?

###### For the world?

## How far do you agree that prayer is not asking for God to change things but seeking to bring the world under God’s rule?

# Logical prayer

## If God is sovereign, why do we always pray for God to heal?

### How far should good health be our primary goal for people?

## Spend time in prayer, but consider God’s character before you pray for people

### e.g. If God is loving how will God’s love be seen in the life of the person you pray for? If God is just, how can God’s justice be shown in that person’s life?

#### Would Jesus have prayed for these things?