
RESONATING WITH THE GLORY OF GOD PT. 2 | RESONATE | NOV. 19, 2017

OVERVIEW

Jesus prayed a lot during time on earth...gospels show him spending whole nights, early in morning, but we don't get to listen in on any of them, except in John 17. This is the only place where we get to actually overhear an extended prayer - Jesus is praying for you!

Four characteristics that Jesus prays earnestly for in lives of followers:

1. HOLINESS: "sanctify them by the truth" (17) "protect them from the evil one" (15)
 - To be sanctified means to be wholly committed to God.
 - Similarly to how an athlete going to Olympics sanctifies herself, sets herself apart—from lots of foods, activities, attitudes (not necessarily wrong), but are not for her because it doesn't help her cause.
2. SENTNESS: "as You sent me into the world, so I send them..." (18)
 - Do you have a personal mission statement? Here's a good place to start.
 - You sent me, to announce kingdom, bring glory to you, by life and death, proclaim good news to marginalized.
3. JOY: "so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them"
 - God is a blessed (joyful, exultant) God! Jesus wants our lives to be marked joy—prays before cross.
4. UNITY & LOVE: "that they may be one as we are one" (11) and (20-23)
 - The third section of this prayer is full of it—how God's glory comes to the world through communities of loving people (which Ryan will share more of next week).

"God wants us to resonate with Glory - the things that matter most eternally."

ILLUSTRATIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- A Turntable - vinyl is the glory of God, we are the speakers, the stylus is the Word of God.
- The Port Mann Bridge - Plucking the wires. Resonating.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. "Jesus is praying for you!" How might that awareness of this affect how you live each day? What might Jesus be praying for, specifically, as he prays for you?
 2. How might the illustration of the turntable apply to you?
 3. What helps you resonate with the glory of God (what matters eternally)?
 4. What does it mean for you to be:
 - Holy?
 - Sent?
 - Experience Joy?
 - Be unified and full of love?
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