Wrapped Up in Glory
October 18, 2026 – Jamie Brown Truro Church

John 17:1-5

[1]When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, [2]since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. [3]And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. [4]I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. [5]And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

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Discussion & Reflection Questions

1. Jamie mentioned that we will spend the next few Sundays in John 17, which is known as Jesus' "High Priestly Prayer." In vv. 1-5 (the first section of the prayer), who is the central focus?

2. The verb *to glorify* and the noun *glory* are used five times in this passage. What does it mean to glorify (or to give glory to) someone?

3. According to v. 5, when did the Son of God have glory? (Hint: In addition to v. 5, see also John 1:1-2.)

4. In v. 4, Jesus said, "I glorified you on earth," using the past tense. Jesus prayed this prayer before his arrest. Up to that point, how had Jesus already glorified the Father?

5. In v. 1, Jesus said, "Father, … glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you." Jesus knew that this glorification would happen through his death on the Cross.

    a. How was Jesus glorified through his death on the Cross?

    b. How did Jesus' death bring glory to the Father?

5. As we say each week in the Nicene Creed, Jesus "ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father." And, the Apostle Paul tells us that "God … raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus …" (Eph. 2:6). This means that we are already wrapped up in Jesus' glory.

Answer these questions with a partner:

a. What is one situation in your life where you do not feel wrapped in Jesus' glory?

b. What is hard about that situation?

c. Imagine yourself viewing the situation from a position seated with Christ in the heavenly places. How do Jesus (and you with him) see it?

d. How might Jesus use that area of your life to bring glory to himself?

e. Commit to praying for one another in the coming week that God would reveal to you how you are already wrapped up in his glory in the situation.