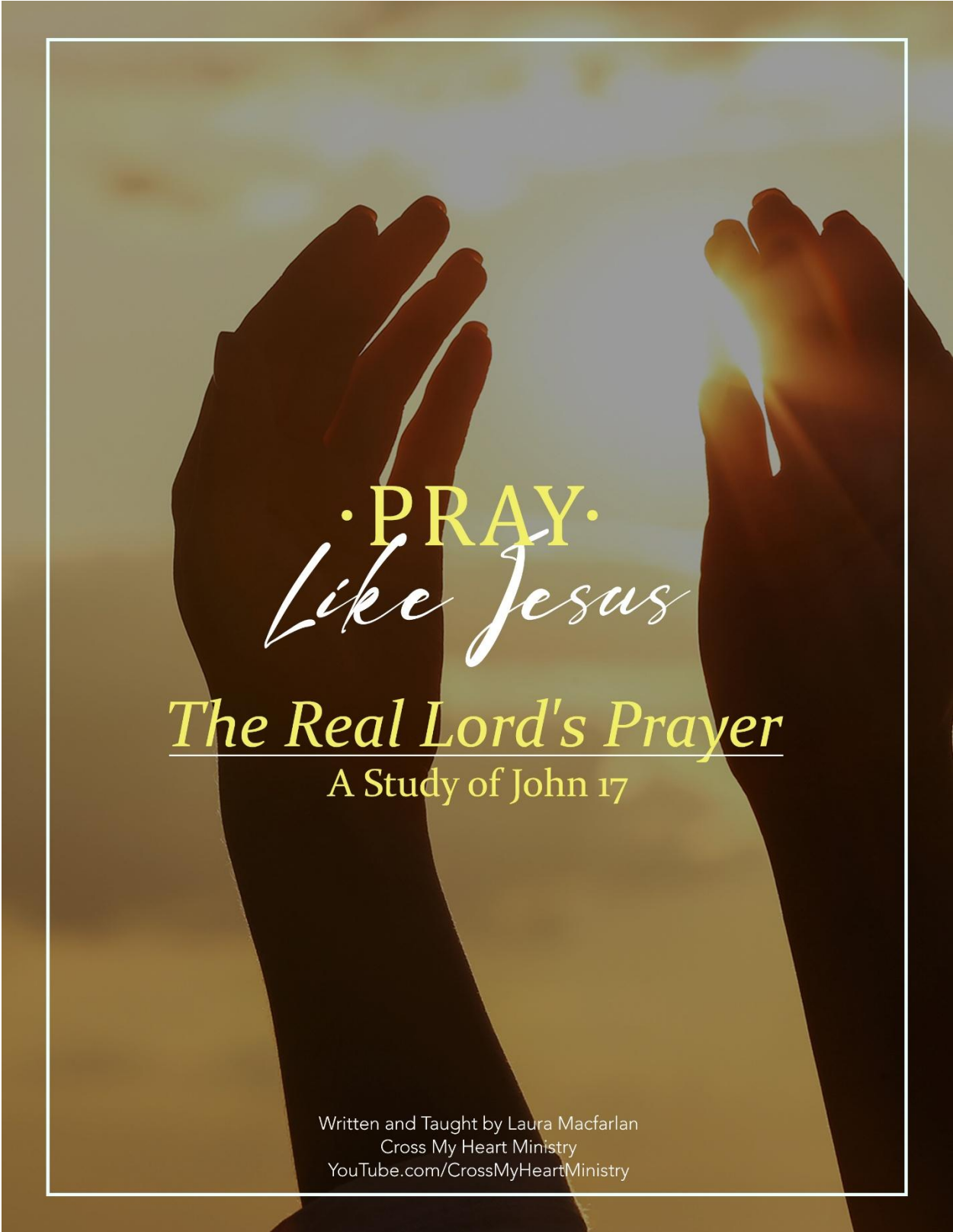




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Like Jesus

The Real Lord's Prayer

A Study of John 17

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Pray Like Jesus: The Real Lord's Prayer

Welcome to our study unpacking John 17. Many would say this is the greatest prayer in the entire Bible, as we get the privilege of “listening in” as Jesus the Son prays to God the Father.

Jesus prayed this prayer the day before He endured the Cross. His choice to pray to prepare for the Cross says much about how we, too, can face and endure suffering in our lives.

In this prayer Jesus prays for Himself, for His disciples, and for us, “. . . those who will believe in me through their message . . .” (John 17:20) His focus of prayer provides the outline for our study:

Week 1: Introduction

Week 2: Jesus Prays for Himself (John 17:1-5)

Week 3: Jesus Prays for His Disciples (John 17:6-19)

Week 4: Jesus Prays for All Who Will Believe in Him (John 17:20-26)

We pray this study spurs us all on to pray and equips us to pray more deeply and intentionally. As with the study of all Scripture, we believe an in-depth study of John 17 will also take us to a deeper understanding of God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. All three members of the Godhead are referenced in this powerful passage.

We invite and encourage you now to read through and meditate on John 17. As part of this study, we ask you to read this passage every day — all 21 days of our time together.

The following pages include study questions for each week. Please complete these questions and come prepared to share your responses with others in your small group. We shall learn from God and His Word and from one another. A teaching lecture will be presented each week. This lecture will be recorded and can be found here:

[YouTube.com/CrossMyHeartMinistry](https://www.youtube.com/CrossMyHeartMinistry).

Please pray with me, as we begin:

God, thank you for the gift of your Word! Jesus, thank you for modeling to us the importance of prayer during your time in human form on earth. May we glean individually and collectively all you have for us as we study this powerful passage. For those who are new to the faith (or do not yet believe), I ask that you use these words to draw them to salvation by grace through faith alone. For those of us who already believe in you, I pray for sanctification. Take us to a deeper place with You and “sanctify us by your truth.” Precious Holy Spirit, give us deeper understanding. Make us crave the deeper things of God. May John 17 grow us, deepen us, convict, change, and mold us — always and in all ways, for Your glory. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, God’s Son and our Savior, Amen.

Teaching Lecture Notes
Week One
Introduction:
The Last Words and Actions of Jesus

Week Two

Jesus Prays for Himself

John 17:1-5

Review Last Week:

1. Please pray as you begin, asking God to speak to you through His Word.
2. Listen to the teaching lecture **Introduction: *The Last Words and Actions of Jesus.***
3. What drew your heart and mind to God's Word?
4. What new thought(s) or truth(s) did you learn?
5. Were you reminded of anything you already knew?
6. What was your take-away (or take-aways) and how is God calling you to act on what you learned (or were reminded of)?

Prepare for This Week:

1. Read John 17 each day.
2. Focus on John 17:1-5.
3. Note any personal observations before answering the following questions.

Questions for John 17:1-5, Jesus Prays for Himself:

1. How many times is the word *glory* or *glorify* found in these five verses?
2. Look up *glory* or *glorify* up in a dictionary and note the definition:
3. How did Jesus glorify God while on Earth?
4. From verse 2, what is the source of eternal life?
5. How is eternal life defined in verse 3?
6. What do we learn about the nature and existence of Jesus in verse 5?
7. What are your overall reflections on Jesus' prayer for Himself — keeping in mind what He was facing the next day?

Teaching Lecture Notes

Week Two:

Jesus Prays for Himself

John 17:1-5

Week Three

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

John 17:6-19

Review Last Week:

1. Please pray as you begin, asking God to speak to you through His Word.
2. Listen to the teaching lecture for Week Two, *Jesus Prays for Himself*.
3. What drew your heart and mind to God's Word?
4. What new thought(s) or truth(s) did you learn?
5. Were you reminded of anything you already knew?
6. What was your take-away (or take-aways) and how is God calling you to act on what you learned (or were reminded of)?

Prepare for This Week:

1. Read John 17 each day.
2. Focus on John 17:6-19.
3. Note any personal observations before answering the following questions.

Questions for John 17:6-19, Jesus Prays for His Disciples:

1. What do we learn about the mission of Jesus on Earth from verse 6?
2. What works of God are noted in verses 6-8?
3. Who is Jesus specifically praying for in verse 9?
4. What is noted in verse 10 about the relationship between Jesus the Son and God the Father?
5. Note how Jesus addressed God in verse 11:
6. What does each word tell us about God's character?
 - a.
 - b.
7. In verses 11-12, what does Jesus pray for the disciples?
8. What is the purpose, or desired outcome, for this prayer?
9. Read John 17:13 and John 15:11. What do you note about *joy* in these verses?
10. What did Jesus give the disciples in verse 14?

11. What do we learn about this gift in verse 17?
12. Note that of all the disciples only John died of old age. The others were martyred. They died painful deaths because of their faith in Christ. Does this suggest that God did not answer the prayer of Jesus in John 17:15?
13. Read the following verses and note what is revealed about God's purposes and God's ways in each:
 - a. Ephesians 2:10
 - b. I Peter 5:10
 - c. John 16:33
14. Write out John 17:17 and circle key words in this short verse:
15. What do each of these words reveal?
16. What do we learn about the mission of Jesus in verses 17-18?
17. How were the disciples to continue His mission?
18. What are your overall reflections on Jesus' prayer for His disciples?

Teaching Lecture Notes

Week Three:

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

John 17:6-19

Week Four
Jesus Prays for All Believers
John 17:20-26

Review Last Week:

1. Please pray as you begin, asking God to speak to you through His Word.
2. Listen to the teaching lecture for Week Two, *Jesus Prays for His Disciples*.
3. What drew your heart and mind to God's Word?
4. What new thought(s) or truth(s) did you learn?
5. Were you reminded of anything you already knew?
6. What was your take-away (or take-aways) and how is God calling you to act on what you learned (or were reminded of)?

Prepare for This Week:

1. Read John 17 each day.
2. Focus on John 17:20-26.
3. Note any personal observations before answering the following questions.

Questions for John 17:20-26, Jesus Prays for All Believers:

1. What does Jesus pray for in verse 20?
2. Read each of the following verses and note what each reveals about believing in Jesus:
 - a. John 3:16
 - b. Romans 1:17
 - c. Romans 10:9
 - d. Ephesians 2:8-9
3. Referencing the verses above, what does it mean to believe in Jesus?
4. What is the result of that belief?
5. (Personal) Have you chosen to believe in Jesus? Do you have questions about believing? The contact information for the author of this study is found on the last page of this study guide. Please reach out.
6. What is Jesus' prayer for believers in verse 26 and why does He pray this?
7. What has Jesus provided to equip believers?
8. How does Jesus repeat His prayer for believers in verse 23 and how is it more specific?
9. What is God's gift to Jesus (verse 24a)?

10. What do we learn in verse 24b about the relationship between Jesus and the Father?

11. Note how Jesus addressed God in verse 25:

12. What does each word communicate about the nature and character of God:

a.

b.

13. Through whom do we know God (verse 26)?

14. How can God's love be in us (verse 26)?

15. Read verse 26 and the words of Jesus in each of the verses below. Note what you learn in each:

a. John 14:16-18

b. John 14:25-26

c. John 15:26

d. John 16:7

e. John 16:13-15

16. As Jesus prepares to leave Earth, how does verse 26 reveal that God will continue to be made known to us?

17. What are your reflections on Jesus' prayer for all believers?

Teaching Lecture Notes

Week Four:

Jesus Prays for All Believers

John 17:20-26

A Note from the Author

I am grateful you have chosen to complete this study of John 17 with me. God's Word is timeless and true. It becomes living and active as we choose to not only know it intellectually but live it out practically and intentionally.

I encourage you to continue in the journey of knowing God — and that knowing Him would prompt you to love Him and love His Word.

Cross My Heart Ministry is devoted to doing just that. If you want to continue in your study, we have teaching videos, free downloads, and resources available on both our blog and our YouTube channel:

www.CrossMyHeartMinistry.com

www.YouTube.com/CrossMyHeartMinistry

We would be honored if you would subscribe to both!

Finally, I welcome your feedback on this study and the opportunity to answer any questions you have or to pray with you.

All glory to God,

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