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Praying with Jesus: Beholding Jesus' Glory

Big Idea: Jesus' prayer for His followers to be with Him and be loved and known is the blueprint for human destiny.

Overview: These are Jesus' famous last words before the events of His *hour* take place. He concludes the prayer outlining the future destiny of his followers. Jesus prays that His followers would be with Him, that they would continue to know His Father, and would experience the love of the Father. Based in deep Trinitarian and theological truths, Jesus maps out the destiny of those who follow Him. The future, no matter what, is bright!

Life Group Objectives:

Remember why you exist as a group! Life Groups are to:

1. Reflect on this past week's message and passage or dig into the series you are going through as a group. We desire for you to have the Bible play a key role in your time together.
2. Pray together and provide encouragement for other group members. How can you build one another up this week?
3. Reflect on how your group, or as individuals, can play your part to be on mission in your neighborhood, church, or city.

KAC Mission, Vision, and Strategic Plan Links:

- *Our dream is to see our congregation adopt spiritual practices...* Through Lent we encourage to set aside time to engage with spiritual disciplines that facilitate an encounter with Jesus.
- *Our dream is that we would respond to Jesus in humility...* Life Group is a weekly routine where we can learn from Jesus and one another.
- *Our dream is to be a leadership development engine...* How can you delegate some leadership of your Life Group this week to an up-and-coming leader, so they can grow and develop?

Conversation starters:

- What are your Spring plans?
- What stood to you from this past week's sermon?
- What does the word "destiny" mean? What comes up for you when you hear that word?

Learning from God's Word: Bible Study Discussion

Read Scripture: John 17:24-26

Questions for Discussion:

What is the destiny for a follower of Jesus?

1. **With God vs. 24**
 - What does Jesus' desire?
 - What happens when we behold something beautiful?
 - What happens to a human being when they encounter the beauty of Jesus?
2. **Knowing God vs. 25**
 - When was the first time you remember being interested in knowing God?
 - How has Jesus made the Father known to us? (Think about his earthly ministry, teaching, healing etc).
 - What is the difference between knowing about God, and knowing Him personally?
3. **Fully Loved vs. 26**
 - As you look around your world, the places that you inhabit, live, interact, what do you think people need the most?
 - The destiny for a follower of Jesus is that they will be loved, as the Father loves Jesus. How would your life change if you knew, at the deepest part of you, how much you are loved (no matter what!)?

Listening to God:

- How has God been present in our discussion so far? What themes have emerged?

Prayer Prompts and Application:

- Invite members of the group to share prayer requests. Gently nudge people to go a few levels deeper by being specific and vulnerable.
- Pray that people would engage Jesus by asking in prayer, “How should my life change this week because of this teaching?”

For Further Study:

Books:

- *Knowing God* by J.I. Packer
- *Now I become Myself* by Ken Shigematsu

KAC Resources:

- [KAC Podcast](#) that will have devotionals Monday & Friday throughout Lent