

Sermon Notes  
November 5, 2023  
“The Turning Point”  
John 17:1-5

Turning points in human history

- “The hour has come”
- The “turning point” prayer

“The Hour has come”

- We’ve met this phrase before in John’s Gospel
- At THE turning point of history, Jesus prays

“Father” – Jesus’ most intimate expression of confidence and trust

“Glorify”

- What it means; what it doesn’t mean
- Glory reveals – Jesus’ supreme glory is the cross

“Eternal life”

- Not “how long”, but “with whom”

“Finishing the work you gave...”

- Submission

Why this prayer matters

Questions:

- What are the turning points in your life – events, moments, decisions that made a huge difference for you?
- Jesus has finished his personal message to his disciples (John 13-16). Now he prays. What does this tell you about the importance of prayer?
- Look through John’s Gospel for the phrase “the hour”. Look at each context. What do you think it means in each context? How does each use relate to Jesus and his mission?
- Romans 8:15 and Galatians 4:6 tell us that we call the Father “Abba”. It is a word no one ever used to address God. How does this affect how you pray?
- We sing “To God be the glory”. What does it mean to say this? How does “giving God glory” make a difference in our daily lives?
- Does it surprise you that the glory of Christ is supremely revealed at the cross? Why?
- How would you explain to a non-Christian that the cross is the glory of Christ?
- What is “eternal life” for you? Why is it important to remember that “eternal life” is not about “how long” but about knowing the Father and the Son?
- Why do you think Jesus doesn’t mention the Holy Spirit in this prayer?
- How has the cross been the turning point in your life?

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“轉捩點”  
約翰福音 17:1-5

人類歷史上的轉捩點

- “時候將到”
- 禱告的“轉捩點”

“時候將到”

- 在約翰福音時我們已經聽過這話
- 在歷史的轉捩點上，耶穌禱告

“父神” – 耶穌信心和信任最親近的表達

“得榮耀”

- 甚麼意思，不是甚麼意思
- 榮耀顯示出 – 耶穌最高的榮耀是在十字架上

“永恆的生命”

- 不在“多長”，而是“與誰一起”

“完成你所交付的工...”

- 委身

為什麼這禱告很重要

問題:

- 你生命中有甚麼轉捩點 – 事件或決定為你帶來巨大的不一樣?
- 耶穌剛完成對門徒們所說的話 (約翰福音 13-16). 現在他禱告. 這告訴你禱告有甚麼重要性?
- 查看約翰的福音書中有關“那時候”. 在每個經文處你覺得有甚麼意思? 每個使用的方法與耶穌和他的使命有甚麼關係?
- 羅馬書 8:15 和加拉太書 4:6 告訴我們我們稱天父是“阿爸”. 從來沒有人用這來稱呼上帝，這對你禱告有甚麼影響?
- 我們唱“榮耀歸予神”，這對你有甚麼意義? “榮耀歸予神”在你每天的生活能有甚麼不一樣?
- 基督的榮耀在十字架上最極致的彰顯出來，這讓你驚訝嗎? 為什麼?
- 你如何對一個非基督徒解釋十字架是基督的榮耀?
- “永生”對你是甚麼? 為什麼記得“永生”不是關乎“多長”，而是認識天父和神子是重要的?
- 你覺得為什麼耶穌在禱告裡沒有提到聖靈?
- 十字架在你生命裡如何成為那轉捩點?