

THE PLACE OF ABIDING

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EPISODE 2:

Abiding Creates a Lifestyle Venue

The glory that the Father gave Jesus as a gift, is the gift He has given to us.

Every day this week, read Jesus' prayer from John 17 aloud. Read it slowly, and allow the beauty of the words to wash over you:

"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

"And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them and You in Me....that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me."

Consider the glory of Jesus. What are some of His glorious ways and nature?

(Choose 3-5 that you particularly love.)

The glory of Jesus was a gift to Him first from the Father! He had to receive it. Now, it is His gift to you, so those 3-5 aspects of His glory are also yours!

- Think about that this week! Then, choose one aspect of His glory that He has given you that you can celebrate in your life.

- Write out a description of how your internal and external life would be different if you experienced the fullness of that glory (you can eventually do that with them all!):

REMEMBER: *“We’re invited into the same relationship that the Father and the Son shared... empowered by the Holy Spirit.”*

- An invitation has been given. What will be your response?

- Consider a crafted statement of thanksgiving. Create 4-6 statements like the following that you can pray and worship with every day this week:

“Jesus, thank you for the gift of your glory.

Because You are _____, I am _____.”

Let us know in the comments what you discover!