

## The 1st Week of March "The Way to Eternal Life"

■ **Scripture:** John 17:3 (March 1 text)

■ **Bottom line:** Eternal life is knowing the one God and knowing Jesus, whom God has sent.

### ≡ 1. Prayer

God, as we begin this new month, it is our desire to be with you. May we face each day with faith and fill each day with honesty and sincerity.

### ≡ 2. Praise

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### ≡ 3. The Word

Read John 17:3 together (read the verse 3 times).

\* Reading the text over and over again in different translations will help us to deepen our understanding of the material.

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3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

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## Understanding Text

Before His crucifixion, Jesus preached a farewell sermon to His disciples and prayed to God for the last time. Jesus came to this earth to give us eternal life. Jesus wanted to accomplish that purpose and glorify God. Eternal life is to know the one true God and the Jesus He sent.

### Understanding the text for leaders

Jesus, who was about to suffer on the cross, told His disciples the truth that they must know. Chapters 12~16 containing these words are called the 'Farewell Sermon'. After the farewell sermon, Jesus prayed earnestly to God. Chapter 17, called the High Priestly Prayer of Jesus, consists of a prayer for Jesus himself, a prayer for his disciples, and a prayer for all believers. In his prayers, Jesus affirmed before God the meaning of His Messianic ministry. The main thing to note here is the expression 'eternal life'. Our common definition of 'eternal life' is 'living forever,' but Jesus defined eternal life in a different way. In other words, eternal life is to know the one true God and Jesus Christ, whom God has sent. There is no way for us to know God who is Spirit. But Jesus came to this earth in the flesh to tell us what God is like. That's why we can only know what God is like through Jesus. Eternal life is knowing what God is like by believing in Jesus. It can be understood as enjoying the life that He gives. Knowing here is not just knowing, but a relationship of deep personal fellowship. God sent His only begotten Son, Jesus, to give us eternal life (3:16). Therefore, we must remember that to have eternal life, eternal life, begins with believing that Jesus is the Son of God who came to save us.

## 4. Sharing

1) What did Jesus define eternal life? (verse 3).

### Upper & Lower Grades

What did Jesus say eternal life is? (verse 3).

### Question Guide

Read it exactly as Jesus said. Then share how knowing God and knowing Jesus relate to eternal life.

### Comments for Leaders

Jesus made it clear what eternal life is. The definition of eternal life that we know is "living forever," which is not much different from the definition Jesus used. It is because we have a personal encounter with God (fellowship and fellowship) and enjoy the blessings of life that God gives us forever, which is eternal life. Jesus, who was sent by God, destroyed the power of death and forgave all our sins by dying on the cross. Therefore, if we believe in Jesus and receive Him as Lord, we will have eternal life in Him. Jesus came to earth so that we could have eternal life and enjoy it abundantly (10:10).

2) How much do I know about God? Define what God is like to you and share it with us.

### ■ Upper Grades

How much do I know about God? Write down all the God you confess and commit to rely on Him .

### ■ Lower Grades

Tell me everything I know about God.

#### □ Question Guide

Let them know that living with eternal life begins with knowing who God is. Encourage your children to talk freely about the God they know, and listen to them. Also, share what kind of life we need to live in order to know more about what God is like, and let them know that the more we know God, the more we can enjoy the blessings of eternal life on this earth.

#### □ Comments for Leaders

In Old Testament times, God revealed His will through dreams, visions, or direct revelation. In the New Testament times, Jesus, the Son of God, came to this earth and showed us what God is like. Therefore, we can know God through the Bible, which testifies about Jesus. God is sovereign in life. To the extent that we know what God is like, we can fellowship with Him and enjoy the blessings of eternal life. Therefore, we should long to know more about God. The more we know God, the more we can see the world with God's wisdom, free from our ignorance and foolishness. We can live in His power and have eternal life on earth.

## ≡ 5. Be grateful

Give thanks for the grace that allows us to know God through Jesus and enjoy life in abundance.

## ≡ 6. Prayer

God! Thank you for reminding us that when we know God and Jesus, we are given eternal life. Help us move from superficial to profound, from perceptual to experiential. So let me live a life full of life on this earth.

- End the family worship service with the Lord's Prayer.

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