

Series: The Prayer of Jesus; Sermon: **What Life Is Really All About**;
Delivered on September 1, 2019, by **Josh Moody**, senior pastor

Bible text explored: John 17:3

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

Review and application:

Read through the context again, starting in verse 33 of chapter 16 and continuing at least through verse 5 of chapter 17.

1. What is the purpose of this section of the prayer of Jesus?
2. Start with the first phrase of verse 3. Do we tend to think about *eternal life*?
Is it only what happens after we die?
3. Should the word *know* here be understood as a grasp of information, as mere sentimentality, or as a personal relationship?
How could I move beyond “doing devotions” to cultivating a personal connection?
4. How does the next phrase, “the only true God,” point us to the importance of what God is as opposed to other so-called “gods,” idols, or ultimate allegiances?
5. How does the way Jesus describes the Father highlight . . .
. . . his reality?
. . . his uniqueness?
How can we grow in our understanding of this “only true God”?
6. How does the way Jesus talks about himself in the third person underscore his role . . .
. . . as the anointed one? (See *Acts 2:36*.)
. . . as the Savior? (See *Matt. 1:21*)
7. How does the way Jesus talks about his mission as being “sent” show us that neither rule breaking nor rule keeping are sufficient aims for life?
Is there a task God is impressing on your heart that would move you beyond ordinary activities to being part of his mission?