

## Sermon Discussion Questions for December 20, 2015

### John 7:1-7; “Jesus Came to Bring Abundant Life”

“Live Like You Were Dying” by Tim McGraw

He said I was in my early forties  
With a lot of life before me  
When a moment came that stopped me on a dime  
  
I spent most of the next days, looking at the x-rays  
Talking 'bout the options and talking bout sweet time  
  
I asked him when it sank in  
That this might really be the real end  
How's it hit 'cha when you get that kind of news?  
Man, what'd ya do?  
And he said  
  
I went skydiving  
I went rocky mountain climbing  
I went two point seven seconds on a bull named Fu Man Chu  
And I loved deeper  
And I spoke sweeter  
And I gave forgiveness I'd been denyin'  
  
And he said, Someday I hope you get the chance  
To live like you were dyin'

1. How does Jesus identify the purpose of His life in our text?
2. How would you describe the purpose of your life?
3. What are the five prepositional phrases this sermon used to describe why Jesus came?
  - a. Jesus was sent \_\_\_ God (*vs. 3d – whom You have sent*)
  - b. Jesus was sent \_\_\_\_\_ a mission (*2c, 3 – to give eternal life . . .*)
  - c. Jesus was sent \_\_\_ people (*2d, 6 – to all you have given Him . . .*)
  - d. Jesus was sent \_\_\_\_\_ eternity (*5c – before the world existed*)
  - e. Jesus was sent \_\_\_\_\_ a purpose (*1c – that the Son may glorify You; 4a – I glorified You on earth*)
4. What does *glory* mean?
5. What does it mean to *glorify God*?
6. How did Jesus describe HOW He glorified God? *I glorified You on earth (4a)*
  - a. *having accomplished the work You gave Me to do (4b)*
  - b. *I manifested Your name to the people (6a)*
  - c. *Now they know that everything that You have given Me is from You (vs. 7)*
7. What does it mean for you to *glorify God*?
8. What does it mean for your family to *glorify God*?
9. What does it mean for Central Presbyterian Church to *glorify God*?

“God’s Cause”, a prayer from *The Valley of Vision*, Banner of Truth Trust, 1975, p. 177

SOVEREIGN GOD: Thy cause, not my own, engages my heart, and I appeal to thee with greatest freedom to set up thy kingdom in every place where Satan reigns; for to bring honor to thy name is my sole desire. I adore thee that thou art God, and long that others should know it, feel it, and rejoice in it. O that all men might love and praise thee, that thou mightiest have all glory from the intelligent world!

Let sinners be brought to thee for thy dear name! To the eye of reason everything respecting the conversion of others is as dark as midnight, but thou canst accomplish great things; the cause is thine, and it is to thy glory that men should be saved. Lord, use me as thou wilt, do with me what thou wilt; but, O, promote thy cause. Let thy kingdom come, let thy blessed interest be advanced in the world!

O do thou bring in great numbers to Jesus! Let me see that glorious day, and give me to grasp for multitudes of souls; let me be willing to die to that end; and while I live let me labour for thee, to the utmost of my strength, spending time profitably in this work, both in health and in weakness. It is thy cause and kingdom I long for, not my own. O answer thou my request!