If you could ask God for anything

Jesus' prayer before going to the cross
John 17

What did Jesus pray?

For God's glory to be displayed…

v1–6 … through the cross

v6–19 … through the Apostles' witness
They have been given God's word,
They are protected by God, and
They are set apart and sent to carry God's word

Why did Jesus pray?

So that we would have confidence

Conclusion

Questions for discussion

- As we seek to know God, where we are tempted to look? How does Jesus' prayer help redirect us?
- What other means of telling others about God are we tempted to trust? How does Jesus' prayer train us?
- What things, other than the words of Jesus through the Apostles, do people listen to? eg:
    - Church traditions. ('We've always done it like this!')
    - My own ideas ('I don't like to think of God like that!')
    - Experience ('This feels right.')