

The Heart of Christ ~ the message of the Upper Room Discourse (John 13-17)

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SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The Praying Savior – John 17

The Lessons from Jesus' Prayer – John 17:1-26

(to be used to as a starting point for further application of the truths delivered)

1. In your own few words, how would you summarize the point or message of Jesus' prayer in John 17?
2. What are some reasons why you suppose Jesus prayed this prayer audibly before His disciples? Of what benefit is it to you that such a prayer was made known to you (by reading it in the Word)?
3. Why do you suppose there have been some preachers in the past who were leery of doing any more than simply reading these words of Jesus? Do you agree or disagree? Why?
4. What are at least three things we learned about the greatness of the Father from the sermon? Briefly list and explain in your own words these three qualities?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
5. Of the qualities above, is there one that most captures your attention? Why?
6. Of the qualities above, which is most lacking in your own prayer time? What might you do to change that?

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7. What are two things we learned concerning the greatness of the Son from the sermon. Briefly list and explain in your own words these qualities
 - a.
 - b.
8. What does Jesus praying to the Father, even though He was God in the flesh, tell us about Jesus? What does it tell us about ourselves?
9. How can we be more assured of possessing eternal life (according to John 17:3)?
10. What are some ways in which we make the Father and the Son known? What are some real practical, daily things you can do?