

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

“...having loved His own who were in the world, He love them to the end”(John 13:1.)

## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### *The Praying Savior – John 17*

#### **Seven Characteristics of the Church According to Jesus - Hope (John 17:24)**

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

1. Discuss the given definition of hope - *Hope is the sure confidence that what God has promised will certainly come to pass*. How does this definition help in your understanding of Biblical hope? What are some verses you might appeal to in order to explain hope?
2. What are some things we might say we “hope” in that we really have no sure confidence will come to pass? Why do we say we hope in such things?
3. In the sermon it was said that hope is for those who believe and have been given to Jesus. How can we have assurance that we believe and are given to Jesus? What are some of your own personal assurances?
4. From the sermon, it was taught that hope “does” or accomplishes certain things. Below are the four accomplishments of hope as taught. After each, please write out how your own experience of hope brings meaning to these statements:
  - Hope places us in right relationship with the Father and the Son
  - Hope promises us a place in heaven
  - Hope prompts us to deeply worship Jesus
  - Hope is the product of the love of God