

Questions to Consider—With the Master in the Upper Room—Lesson 22—John 17:1-5- The High Priestly Prayer

1) (a) Read John 17 and write down all the petitions that are in the Lord's Prayer to the Father. (b) How do these compare to the petitions that are in your prayers?

2) Memorize John 17:1.

3) Compare the Lord's Prayer in John 17 to the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13, listing the similarities and the differences.

4) (a) What do you learn from Jesus' posture of lifting His eyes to heaven to pray? (b) Look up the following verses to see who prayed and what their posture was in prayer? (It may be helpful to search the surrounding verses to discover who is praying.) Numbers 16:20-22; 1 Kings 19:1-4; 2 Chronicles 7:1-3; Psalm 4:4; 134:2; Daniel 6:10; Matthew 26:39; Mark 11:25; Luke 22:41; John 11:41; 1 Timothy 2:8. (c) What do these verses teach you about praying? (d) Are you judgmental of people whose posture in prayer differs from yours? (e) In what unusual postures and/or places have you prayed?

5) (a) Read the following verses and write down when, where, why and for what or whom Jesus prayed. (If it is stated.) Matthew 11:25-27; Matthew 27:46; Mark 1:35; Mark 6:45,46; Luke 3:21,22; 5:16; 6:12,13; 9:18; 9:28,29; 23:34, 46; John 11:41-44; 12:26-29. (b) What things have you prayed for this week? (c) Why is it necessary for us as finite creatures to pray?

6) Jesus says in John 17:4 that He has finished the work which God gave Him to do. (a) What work has God called you personally to do? (b) What work have you neglected that would cause you to have regrets if this were your last day (i.e., making restitution, sharing the gospel with one who is lost, etc.)?

7) Jesus says in John 17:4 that He has glorified God while He was on the earth. (a) How did Christ bring glory to God while on earth? Prove your answer from the Word. (b) In what ways is your life bringing glory to God? (c) In what areas of your life are you not bringing glory to God? (d) How will you work on those? Why not find someone who will pray for you and hold you accountable in those areas?

8) (a) What are the strengths and weaknesses of your own prayer life? (b) What changes would you like to see as a result of studying the high priestly prayer in the next few lessons? Write down your answer in the form of a prayer request.