

1. (a) Read the entire gospel of John, (3 chapters a day) especially taking note of the Lord's public ministry in chapters 1-12. (b) What words does Christ use to describe Himself and what He offers to an unbelieving world? (Example: From John chapter 6-"I am the Bread of Life...if any man eat of this bread He shall live forever") (c) In looking over these descriptions of our Lord, how have they proven to be true in your own life?
2. Memorize John 13:1.
3. What facts do you learn from Matthew 26:17-19; Mark 14:12-16; Luke 22:1-13 regarding the events which led up to the Passover meal that Christ and His disciples shared in the Upper Room?
4. (a) John says of the Lord "having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end." According to John 13:1-5, who is John talking about? (b) What are the ways the Lord showed His love to His own according to the previous chapters in John? EXTRA CREDIT: In what ways does the Lord manifest His love to the twelve disciples in chapters 13-17?
5. What do you observe about the Father, Christ, the disciples, and Judas from John 13:1-5?
6. (a) What did Christ do as He prepared to wash the disciples' feet? (b) How would you describe the act of our Lord washing the disciples' feet?
7. (a) What does Jesus say about Himself in Matthew 20:26-28 and Luke 22:27? (b) How does He demonstrate that in John 13:1-5? (c) Is your life characterized by a desire to serve or a desire to be served?
8. If you knew your final hour had come, what do you think you would do and say?
9. What do you hope to gain from this study of the Upper Room Discourse?
10. (a) What have you learned from the example of Christ washing the disciples' feet? (b) What is your prayer based on what you have learned?

Are You Washing the Saint's Feet

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1. Read John 13:6-17, making note of all the "if-then" statements. How many are there? (Example: verse 8: "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.") (a) What do you think Jesus meant by these statements?
2. Memorize John 13:13-14.
3. What do you observe about Christ, Peter, Judas and the disciples from John 13:6-17?
4. Read Mark 8:31-33 and Mark 9:2-6. (a) What do these passages and John 13:6-9 tell you about Peter? (b) What do you learn about the importance of our speech from these passages?
5. Jesus tells Peter, in John 13: 7, that what He is doing now Peter will understand later. (a) What other things did Jesus do or say which the disciples did not understand then, but understood later, according to John 2:18-22 and John 12:12-16? (b) What comfort does this give you today in circumstances that you do not understand? Extra credit: What do you think Jesus meant when He told Peter he would understand later? Prove your answer biblically.
6. (a) Do you think we should be literally washing each other's feet today? (b) Why or why not? (c) What are some of the ways we could be "washing the saints' feet"? (d) Do you allow others to "wash your feet," or are you like Peter saying, "You shall never wash my feet?" (e) What do you need to do to change your attitude?
7. (a) What does Matthew 6:9-13 and 1 John 1:9 say regarding confession of a believer's sins? (b) How often do you come to the Lord for confession and cleansing of your sins? (c) According to Psalm 51, what should be a believer's attitudes when confessing his/her sins? (d) Are these your attitudes?
8. Assignment: Wash someone's feet this week—in the biblical sense!
9. (a) How has God spoken to you through this lesson? (b) Please write a prayer request to share.

Judas, the Betrayer

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1. Read John 13:18-30, Matthew 26:20-25, Mark 14:17-21, and Luke 22:21-23. (a) Which of these accounts identify the betrayer? (b) What differences and what similarities do you notice between these passages? (c) From the John passage, write down the things you notice that characterize hypocrisy.
2. Memorize John 13:21.
3. Read Matthew 26:14-25; 47-50 and 27:1-10. (a) How did Jesus reveal that it was Judas who would betray Him? (b) What was Judas' reaction when he heard that Jesus had been condemned?
4. Read John 12:1-8. (a) How did Mary demonstrate her love for Christ? (b) What objection did Judas raise? (c) What was his motive? (d) What do you learn about Judas?
5. What do you learn about Jesus, Judas, Peter, John and the other disciples from John 13:18-30?
6. The quote from John 13:18 comes from Psalm 41:9, which is a reference to David's friend, Ahithophel. Read 2 Samuel 16 and 17 and write a summary paragraph of what was going on and why David would say this regarding his friend. (Feel free to use outside helps, if needed.)
7. (a) Do you know someone who lives a life of hypocrisy? (No names please.) (b) Will you lovingly warn them today of the danger they are in? (Matthew 23:27, 28; Mark 14:21 and Acts 1:25 give sobering reminders of the danger they are in.) (c) What are some ways we as believers can lovingly warn those we know are living a double life?
8. (a) How would you define hypocrisy? (b) What are some ways that God's children manifest hypocrisy? (c) Is there any hypocrisy in your life, dear friend? I beg you to root it out this day as it could be a matter of life or death!
9. As you consider #8c, write down a prayer request for your own life regarding any area of hypocrisy.

1. Read John 13:31-35. (a) What two words or phrases are repeated in this passage? (b) In what ways do you think the death of the Son brought glory to the Father? (c) What did Jesus mean by the phrase, "a new commandment I give unto you," in verse 34?
  
2. Memorize John 13:34-35.
  
3. (a) What do the following passages say about the Son of Man being glorified? Isaiah 53:10-12; John 17:4-6; John 17:20-24; Hebrews 1:1-3; 1 Peter 3:22; Revelation 21:22-23. (b) In what ways do you and I bring glory to the Father according to the following passages? John 14:13; Romans 15:6-9; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Ephesians 1:12; Philippians 2:11; 1 Peter 4:11. (c) In what ways are these evident in your life?
  
4. 4) Read 1 Corinthians 13. (a) What does love look like according to this chapter? (b) How does the type of love that Paul defines in 1 Corinthians 13 describe the love that Jesus had for the 12 disciples? Skim through the Gospel accounts and list the references where Christ exemplified each quality of love. (c) Where are you following short in demonstrating this kind of love? (d) What will you do about it?
  
5. (a) What do the following passages teach regarding love? Romans 12:9, 10; Galatians 5:22, 23; 1 Peter 1:22; 1 Peter 4:8; 1 John 4:7-10. (b) How can you apply these things in your own life?
  
6. Look around for opportunities this week to express agape love to others. Perhaps you could baby-sit for a needy mom, take a meal to someone, do laundry or housework for someone, or visit an elderly person. Be creative. Come prepared not necessarily to share what you did, but what blessings you received.
  
7. Come with a prayer request after prayerfully considering #4.

Shocking Prediction

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1. (a) Read John chapter 13, making note of all the times Peter's name is mentioned. Also, make note when his old name, Simon Peter, is mentioned. (b) Why do you think John calls Peter, "Simon Peter" at times?
  
2. Memorize John 13:38.
  
3. (a) How many questions does Peter ask the Lord in John 13, and how does the Lord answer each one? (b) What quality of love do you see our Lord displaying towards Peter during these "questioning" times?
  
4. (a) What do the following passages teach you about making rash vows? Ecclesiastes 5:1-7; Matthew 5:33-37; James 5:12 (b) How could Peter have applied these truths before making his rash vow in John 13:37?
  
5. In addition to what is recorded in John 13:36-38, read the other accounts of Jesus foretelling of Peter's denial, in Matthew 26:30-35, Mark 14:26-31 and Luke 22:31-34. What are the differences and what are the similarities among all of these accounts?
  
6. (a) What did Jesus mean in Luke 22:31-32 when He declared, "Simon, Simon! Indeed Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat"? (b) What did Jesus mean by the phrase, "and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren"? (c) What comfort do you take in these verses?
  
7. Read either 1 Peter or 2 Peter and write down all the ways that Peter "strengthens the brethren" through his writings.
  
8. (a) In what ways do Christians deny the Lord? (b) In what ways do you deny the Lord? (c) Are you willing to literally lay down your life for Christ today?
  
9. Bring a prayer request to share based on your answers from #8.

Five Cures for a Troubled Heart

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1. Read John 14:1-6. (a) Why would the disciples' hearts be troubled? (b) How does the Lord comfort them?
  
2. Memorize John 14:1.
  
3. (a) How do John 14:1-6 and 1 Peter 1:6-9 relate to one another? (b) What comfort do these verses give you during troubled times?
  
4. (a) What is the cure for a troubled heart according to the following passages? Psalms 42:5-11; 43:5; 77:2-14; 2 Corinthians 12:9, 10. (b) To whom or what does the world turn to in time of trouble? (c) To whom or what do you turn to when your heart is troubled?
  
5. Jesus says in John 14:2 that He has gone to prepare a place for us. (a) How does John describe that "place" according to Revelation 21 and 22? (b) Who will be there and who will not be there? (c) What is the best thing about heaven to you?
  
6. Jesus says in John 14:6 that He is the way, the truth and the life. (a) What do those three things mean? (b) Look up the following verses to see what else Jesus says He is, and what He means by each of these statements: John 6:48; 8:12; 10:9; 10:11; 11:25; 15:1.
  
7. (a) What are some "ways" in which unbelievers are hoping to gain eternal life? (b) How could you use what Jesus says in John 14:1-6, as well as other passages, to confront their false security?
  
8. How is Jesus the way, the truth and the life to you personally?
  
9. Is your heart troubled? Come prepared with a prayer request for how we might pray for you during this troubled time.

Jesus and the Father are One

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1. (a) Read John 14 and write down all the commands that you observe. (b) How are you doing in obeying these commands?
  
2. Memorize John 14:9.
  
3. Read John 14:7-12 and Exodus 33:18-23 and answer the following questions. (a) How are Moses' and Philip's questions similar? (b) How do the responses to their questions differ?
  
4. How does Hebrews 1:1, 2 relate to John 14:10?
  
5. (a) What do the following passages say about the relationship between the Father and the Son and specifically the fact that they are one? John 1:18; 3:35; 5:19-30; 6:38, 57; 7:29; 13:31. (b) What have you learned by looking at these verses?
  
6. (a) What are some of the "works" (see John 14:11) that Christ did? (b) Why did the disciples have a difficult time believing in Him even though they had seen many of those works?
  
7. According to the following verses, what are some of the "greater works" which the disciples did? Acts 2:4-11,41; 4:4; 5:14-16; 6:7; 19:11,12.
  
8. (a) What things do you know about Christ, and how do these things help you to know the Father?
  
9. In simple terms, how would you explain to someone that Jesus is God?
  
10. Write a praise for the fact that Jesus is God!

1. (a) What profound statements does Jesus make in John 14:13-14 regarding prayer? (b) What should be our motives as we pray, according to these verses?
  
2. Memorize John 14:13.
  
3. (a) Contrast the way the hypocrites pray with the way believers are to pray in Matthew 6:5-13. (b) How do the requests in the Lord's Prayer (verses 9-13) glorify the Father?
  
4. Read and examine Daniel's prayer in Daniel 9. (a) How does his prayer glorify the Father? (b) How does his prayer compare with some of the prayers we hear today?
  
5. Read Luke 1:26-56. (a) Did Mary pray "in His name"? (See verse 38) (b) How did her prayer glorify the Father? (c) What was the result of Mary's submission to God's will? (See Luke 2:1-14.)
  
6. (a) What do you think Jesus means in John 14:13-14 when He says to pray in His name? (b) In what ways are these verses sometimes taken out of context? (c) How can you use 1 Timothy 6:6-11 and James 4:1-4 to correct those who use John 14:13-14 to justify asking for selfish desires?
  
7. Take some time to examine your prayer life this week. (a) How do you think your prayers glorify the Father? (b) Are you prayers mainly for selfish desires or do they concern Christ and His kingdom?
  
8. Come prepared with a prayer request that you know will glorify the Lord!



The Promise of the Spirit

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1. Read John 14 and put yourself in the shoes of the disciples. What are some of the thoughts and feelings that you think they might have been experiencing at this time?
2. Memorize John 14:16.
3. (a) What do you observe regarding the Spirit in John 14:16-18? (b) How do these observations comfort you as a believer?
4. Consider the progression of verses 14-16. Why do you think Christ speaks about obedience and love (vs. 15) in between prayer (vs. 14) and the promise of the Spirit (vs. 16)?
5. (a) According to the following verses, what is the ministry of the Holy Spirit? John 14:26; 15:26-27; 16:7-15. (b) What comfort does this give you in your daily life?
6. According to the following verses, what is the evidence that one loves God? Matthew 10:37; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; 1 John 2:3-5; 4:19-20; 5:2-3.
7. Read Acts 2 and 3 to see when the Lord's prayer in John 14:16 was answered. What exciting things happened when the disciples were given the gift of the Spirit?
8. (a) What acts of obedience have you done this week to show God that you love Him? (b) Is there an area of obedience that you need to work on? If so, what will you do about it? (Personal questions)
9. Recall a time when God the Holy Spirit comforted you. What did you learn? Thank God for the blessed Holy Spirit!
10. Is there an area in which you or a loved one needs comfort? Please be discreet, but put it in the form of a prayer request.

1. (a) Read John 14 and list all the statements that begin with the word "if". For example, in verse 23, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word." (b) What do you learn from these if/then statements?
  
2. Memorize John 14:23.
  
3. (a) What do you think is the main theme of John 14:19-26? (b) What are the promises in these verses? (c) How would the words Jesus speaks in John 14:19-26 be a comfort to the disciples? (d) How are they a comfort to you?
  
4. (a) In the following passages, how do we see the Holy Spirit working? Luke 2:25-26; Luke 4:1-13; Acts 2:4; Acts 16:6; Ephesians 1:13-14. (b) How is the Holy Spirit working in your life?
  
5. (a) What do John 7:33, 12:35, 13:33, 14:19, and 16:16-19 have in common? (b) What does Jesus mean by what He says in these passages?
  
6. What do the following verses say about our union with Jesus Christ? Romans 8:1; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 2:20; Colossians 1:27; 1 John 4:12.
  
7. (a) What things did the Holy Spirit bring to the disciples' remembrance, according to John 2:13-22, John 12:12-16 and Acts 11:15-18? (b) Recall a time when the Holy Spirit reminded you of a truth from the Word of God. (c) What were the results?
  
8. What are some evidences in your own life that Christ is in you?
  
9. What is your prayer request after studying this lesson?

Five Peace-Stealers

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1. (a) Read John 14 and list your favorite promises. (b) How are these a personal comfort to you? (c) Spend some time thanking God for each promise. (d) How could you use these promises to help someone who is going through troubling times?
  
2. Memorize John 14:27.
  
3. Jesus says in John 10:30, "I and My Father are one." Since that is true, then what does Jesus mean in John 14:28 when He says, "For my Father is greater than I"? Prove your answer from the Scriptures.
  
4. (a) What do the following verses say about peace? Psalms 29:11; 72:7; 85:10; Isaiah 9:6; 26:3; 32:17; John 16:33; Romans 5:1; 8:6. (b) What comfort do these verses give?
  
5. (a) According to Philippians 4:6-7, what is God's antidote for anxiety? (b) How does God's peace affect a believer's heart and mind?
  
6. (a) What is the requirement to acquiring peace according to John 16:33 and 1 Peter 5:14? (b) What does the God of peace desire to accomplish within you according to 1 Thessalonians 5:23 and Hebrews 13:20-21?
  
7. (a) Write down all the things that could or that are stealing your peace. (b) What is the remedy for peace in each one of these things?
  
8. After prayerfully considering #7,, please write down your need in the form of a prayer request.

1. (a) Read John 15 making note of the characteristics that should be evident in the life of a believer. (b) How do you see believers manifesting these things?
2. Memorize John 15:5.
3. Read John 15:1-6. (a) Who is the Vine? (b) What is the purpose of the Vine? (c) What happens to those who abide in the Vine? (d) What happens to those who do not? (e) What does Jesus mean when He says, "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away?" Prove your answer from the Bible.
4. (a) Read the following passages to understand the connection between the vine and Israel, and also to answer the following questions. Psalm 80:8-16; Isaiah 5:1-7; Jeremiah 2:21; Ezekiel 15 and Hosea 10:1. (b) What was God's desire for the nation of Israel? (c) What happened instead? (d) How does this help you understand why Christ refers to Himself as the true vine in John 15? (e) What do you notice that is similar with each passage?
5. (a) According to the following verses, what is the fruit we should be producing as Christians? Proverbs 11:30; 18:21; 31:31; Isaiah 3:10; Jeremiah 17:10; Matthew 3:8; Romans 6:22; Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 5:9, 10; Philippians 4:17; Hebrews 12:11; 13:15; James 3:18. (b) Which of these fruits are you producing? (Personal question)
6. (a) What is God's will for the believer according to Matthew 25:14-30, John 15:16 and Ephesians 2:10? (b) Do you think it is possible for a believer not to bear fruit? Why or why not? Prove your answer from the Word of God.
7. What evidence is there in your life that you are abiding in the Vine?
8. Share a time in your life when you knew the Vinedresser (The Father) pruned you. (a) What did you learn? (b) What were the results?
9. (a) What counsel would you give to someone who claims attachment to Christ (the Vine), and yet bears no fruit? (b) Are you willing to share your concern with them? (See Ezekiel 33:8)
10. What changes need to be made in your life so that you might bear more fruit for our Lord? Please write your need in the form of a prayer request.

The Blessings of Abiding in Christ

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1. Read John 15 and list all the promises for the believer.
2. Memorize John 15:11.
3. (a) According to John 15:7, what must take place before we experience answered prayer? (b) Does God answer your prayers? (c) Which of your prayers has He answered this week?
4. (a) What is God's will for you according to John 15:8? (b) Should a believer be concerned about bearing fruit? Prove your answer from the Word. (c) What fruit does God expect from women in particular? See Proverbs 31 and Titus 2:1-5.
5. Jesus refers to the Father loving Him in John 15:9. What does John 17:24 say about the Father's love for the Son?
6. Jesus says in John 15:10 that He kept the Father's commandments. (a) How is Jesus seen obeying His Father in the following verses, and what were the attitudes that accompanied His obedience? Psalm 40:7, 8; Isaiah 42:1-4; Matthew 3:13-17; John 4:34; John 8:29; John 12:49, 50; John 17:4; Hebrews 10:5-10. (b) How do these verses encourage you to keep the commandments of Christ with a righteous attitude? (c) Would others say you keep His commandments? (Perhaps ask a parent, husband, child or a close friend)
7. (a) According to the following verses, what are the sources of joy? Psalm 16:11; 21:1; 32:11 35:27; 43:4; John 15:11; Romans 5:11; Galatians 5:22; James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:8,9; 4:13; 1 John 1:4. (b) How do these sources differ from the sources that the world tells us will bring joy? (c) According to Psalm 51, what could cause a believer to lose her joy, and what is the solution? (d) Do others characterize you as a woman of joy?
8. Write down at least 10 blessings of abiding in Christ and come prepared to share them with joy!
9. Write down a praise to God using one of the blessings from #8.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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1. (a) Read John 15 and list all the commandments you find. (b) How are you obeying these commandments? (c) Read John 15:12-17. Why does Christ repeat verse 12 in verse 17?
  
2. Memorize John 15:13-14.
  
3. Read Matthew 22:34-40. (a) What is the greatest commandment? (b) What is the second greatest? (c) What did Jesus mean by "On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets"? (d) How does the Matthew passage relate to what Jesus says in John 15:12-14?
  
4. John 15:14 says, "You are my friends, if you do whatever I command you." (a) Who is called the friend of God in 2 Chronicles 20:7, Isaiah 41:8, and James 2:23? (b) Why was Abraham called the "friend of God," according to James 2:21-24? (c) Read Genesis 18:16-33 and Genesis 22, and list other reasons that would cause God to call Abraham His friend. (d) How do these relate to the qualities that Jesus lists for His friends in John 15:12-17?
  
5. (a) What were the reasons Christ chose the disciples, according to John 15:16? (b) When did Christ choose all who would be His disciples according to Ephesians 1:4? (c) Why did He choose us, according to Deuteronomy 7:7, 8 and 1 John 4:10? (d) Did we have anything to do with choosing God? Prove your answer from the Word of God.
  
6. (a) Do you think you would lay down your life for your friends? (b) What qualities in your friends would inspire or motivate you to die for them? (c) Christ laid down His life for you, His friend. What qualities are present in you that would cause Him to die for you?
  
7. How do you know you are a friend of Jesus, according to John 15:12-17?
  
8. Write a prayer request after prayerfully considering the following questions: Are you loving others as Christ loved you? Are you obeying God? Are you bringing forth fruit? Are you experiencing answered prayer?

1. Read John 15 and list all the warnings that Jesus gives to the disciples.
2. Memorize John 15:18.
3. (a) Jesus told the disciples that the world hated Him before it hated them. What kind of hatred did Jesus endure, and what was His response, according to the following verses? John 1:10-11; 5:16-18; 6:66; 7:1, 30-32; 8:40, 59; 10:31-39; 11:57.
4. (a) Jesus prepares the disciples by telling them they will be persecuted (John 15:20). Read the following verses and write down what kinds of persecution some of the New Testament saints endured. Also, if it is recorded, note the attitudes which accompanied their sufferings. Acts 5:40-42; Acts 7:54-60; Acts 8:1-4; Acts 12:1-4; Acts 16:16-34; 1 Corinthians 4:11-14; 2 Corinthians 4:8-11; 2 Corinthians 11:23-28; Galatians 6:17. (b) How do these compare to your sufferings and to your attitudes when going through suffering?
5. (a) Read Matthew 5:13-16 and 2 Timothy 3:12, and list some possible reasons why some Christians may not be receiving the persecution that Jesus promised would happen. (b) How do believers become "salt that is worthless" or "lamps that have been placed under a bushel?"
6. (a) How does the world today manifest hatred towards Christians? (b) Has the world become more Christianized, or have Christians become worldlier? Explain your answer.
7. How have you prepared those whom you disciple, your children, and those you teach, that persecution and hatred will indeed happen to them?
8. (a) Share a time when you were hated or persecuted because you were a Christian. (b) Were you able to rejoice? (c) What did you learn about Christ, about the world, and about yourself during that time?
9. Are you currently being persecuted because of your faith? If so, how can we pray for you? If not, how might we pray to prepare you for when or if those times of persecution come? ("Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution." 2 Timothy 3:12)

1. Read John 15:22-27. (a) What caused the world to hate the Lord? (b) What causes the world to hate you?
2. Memorize John 15:26.
3. (a) Jesus says in John 15:22, that if He had not spoken to them (the world) they would have no sin. Read John 5:31-47, 6:25-59, 7:16-53 and 12:37-50. What things did Jesus say to the unbelieving world that would have exposed their sin, and what was their response to His words? (b) What does the phrase, "they would have no sin" mean in verses 22 and 24? (c) How does the world respond to your words?
4. (a) What does Jesus say about His works in the following passages? John 5:17-20, 36; 10:25-26; (b) Why do you think His works caused a response of hate from the Jews? (c) In what ways have your works caused hatred from the world?
5. In what ways did the Holy Spirit "testify of Christ" (John 15:26) when He came in Acts chapter 2?
6. The disciples were told that they too would be a witness for Christ. Find two or three examples in Acts where this was true, and what you learn about their witness?
7. Can you effectively share the gospel of Jesus Christ with a lost person? What would you say?
8. Please come with a prayer request on how you might be a better witness for the Lord.



1. (a) Read John 16:1-6. How many times are “these things” (KJV) mentioned, and what did Jesus mean by each one? (b) What does the future hold for the disciples, according to these verses? (c) What encouragement does Christ give them in these verses? (d) Write down some of the ways in which Christ’s words to the disciples were fulfilled in the book of Acts.
  
2. Memorize John 16:2.
  
3. (a) Read Matthew 10 and note the kinds of persecution the Lord predicts for His disciples. (b) How would Matthew 10 also be an encouragement to the disciples?
  
4. Read Acts 6:8-7:60. (a) Who was the first martyr? (b) What did he say that caused him to be hated and eventually killed? (c) How does his sermon compare to many modern-day sermons?
  
5. Read Acts 12. (a) Who else was martyred for his faith? (b) Who was behind this wicked act? (c) How did the Jews react? (d) Whom did Herod then want to kill? (e) What happened to Peter and what happened to Herod?
  
6. (a) Who wanted to kill Paul in Acts 23:12? (b) Read on through verses 13- 35. How did the Lord providentially rescue Paul? (c) Why do you think the Lord rescued Peter and Paul yet allowed Stephen to be martyred? (d) What do these passages teach you about the providence of God in your own life?
  
7. (a) Are you willing to suffer persecution for Christ? At work? In your neighborhood? With your family? In your church? (b) If the time ever comes for you to die for your faith, what do you think you will do? (c) What comfort will you find in the Word?
  
8. (a) In looking at John 16:1-4 we see the love of Christ in warning His beloved children of the things that were going to happen to them. If Jesus so loved them and us to forewarn us as His children about coming persecution, should we instruct our children in these truths? (b) How would you explain to your child or to a new believer about what Christ has said concerning persecution for His sake?
  
9. Come with a prayer request for either yourself, if you are going through persecution, or for someone you know who is suffering because of Christ’s sake.

1. Read John 16 and list all the things that the Holy Spirit does. Thank Him for each one.
2. Memorize John 16:7.
3. Read John 13:36 and John 14:5. How does this reconcile with what Jesus says in John 16:5?
4. Read Acts 2:14-47 to answer the following questions. (a) Through whom is the Spirit preaching? (b) How did Peter's sermon bring conviction of sin, righteousness and judgment? Cite specific examples. (c) What happened as a result of this conviction? (d) What happens when man does not respond to the Spirit's conviction? See Hebrews 3:7-19.
5. According to John 16:8, one ministry of the Holy Spirit is to convict the world of righteousness. Read Matthew 5:17-48 to see what Jesus says about righteousness. How is true righteousness described according to these verses?
6. (a) What do the following verses say about judgment? Acts 17:31; Hebrews 9:27; 10:26-27; James 2:13; 1 Peter 4:17; Jude 14-16. (b) When will the prince of this world finally be judged, according to Revelation 20:7-10? (c) What judgment will take place after that, according to Revelation 20:11-15? (d) How does this help you to understand what Jesus says in John 16:11?
7. Come prepared to share briefly how the Holy Spirit worked in your life to convict you of sin and bring you to salvation.
8. How do you see the Holy Spirit convicting the world of sin, righteousness and judgment in the world today?
9. Come with a prayer request for a lost soul that you know needs to respond to the convicting work of the Spirit of God.

1. (a) Read John chapters 14-16 and write down what you observe regarding the Holy Spirit. (b) In what ways are these observations an encouragement to you? (c) What new truths have you learned about the Spirit from these chapters? (d) How have they changed your life?
  
2. Memorize John 16:13.
  
3. In what ways is John 16:12 helpful to you when giving advice to someone going through troubling times?
  
4. (a) According to the following verses, what work does the Holy Spirit do in the life of a believer? John 16:12-15; Romans 8:14, 16, 26; 1 Corinthians 12:5-13; Ephesians 5:18; Titus 3:5. (b) Share a time when the dear Holy Spirit ministered to you in one of these ways. (c) According to Ephesians 4:30 and 1 Thessalonians 5:19, what are believers commanded not to do? (d) What do these verses mean?
  
5. (a) In John 16:14 Jesus says that the Holy Spirit will glorify Jesus. Read any (one chapter is sufficient) chapter in the book of Acts to see how the Spirit's coming did indeed glorify the Lord. (b) Why do you think some churches today focus so much on glorifying the Spirit and not the Lord? (c) What is the danger in that? (d) Is there a balance? If so, what is the balance?
  
6. Jesus tells the disciples that the Holy Spirit will show them things to come (John 16:13). Read the following verses and write down what the Holy Spirit revealed and to whom. Acts 11:28; Acts 21:10, 11; 1 Timothy 4:1-3; 2 Peter 1:14.
  
7. What work does the Holy Spirit need to do in your life? Write it down to share as a prayer request.

Sorrow Turned to Joy

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1. (a) What did Jesus say to the disciples in John 16 that may have caused them sorrow, and what joy can be found in each one? (b) What does Christ mean when He says in verse 20 that their sorrow would be turned into joy?
  
2. Memorize John 16:22.
  
3. (a) In John 16:16-18 it is clear that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was trying to say to them. Look up the following passages to see what else the disciples had difficulty understanding. John 12:12-16; John 14:5; John 14:22; Mark 9:9, 10; Luke 9:44, 45; Luke 18:31-34. (b) What lessons do you learn for your own life from these passages?
  
4. (a) What does Psalm 139 tell you about God's omniscience? (b) How does this correlate with John 16:19? (c) Why do we try to hide things from God when He sees all and knows all? (d) Analyze your thoughts and prayers this week. Are you honest with God in your thoughts and prayers, or do you try to hide from Him?
  
5. (a) Choose someone from the Scriptures who had sorrow and yet their sorrow was turned into joy. What can you learn from their example about sorrow being turned to joy? (b) How does this give you hope?
  
6. (a) What illustration does Jesus use in John 16:21 to explain to the disciples that their sorrow would be turned into joy? (b) Why do you think Christ uses this particular illustration?
  
7. (a) What are you currently sorrowing over? (b) How do you see God using this current sorrow in your life? (c) What joy do you see in the sorrow?
  
8. Is your heart sorrowful over anything? Write your need in the form of a prayer request.

1. (a) Read John 16 and list all the promises you find. What was His final promise to the eleven? (b) What do you think was the reason for this particular promise at this particular time?
2. Memorize John 16:32.
3. (a) What does Jesus tell His disciples in John 16:26? (b) Do Romans 8:34, Hebrews 7:25 and 1 John 2:1 contradict John 16:26? (c) How do you resolve this?
4. (a) What do the following say about God's love? Deuteronomy 7:6-10; Jeremiah 31:3; John 3:16; John 16:27; Romans 5:5; Romans 8:35-39; Ephesians 2:4-7; 1 John 4:7-10, 1 John 4:16; 1 John 4:19. (b) What comfort do these give? (c) What are some of the ways the Father has expressed His love to you recently? Take the time to thank Him for each of His expressions of love.
5. (a) What had Jesus been telling the world as well as the disciples according to John 6:33; 6:61, 62; 7:29; 8:42? (b) Why do the disciples appear to finally "get it" in John 16:28-30? (c) How does this give you hope for the things Christ has repeated to you in your own life?
6. (a) Jesus tells the disciples in John 16:33 to be of good cheer because He has overcome the world. In the following passages whom does Jesus tell to be of good cheer and why? Matthew 9:2; Matthew 9:20-22; Matthew 14:22-27; Mark 10:49-52 and Acts 23:11. (b) What do these passages teach you?
7. (a) What are the disciples sure of in John 16:30? (b) What does Jesus say will happen in John 31-32? (c) What does this teach you about being over-confident in our flesh? (See 1 Corinthians 10:12-13) (d) What steps can you take to make sure you do not become over-confident in your own flesh? (Use Scripture to support your answer)
8. (a) What has Christ said in the upper room which should have brought peace to the disciples? (b) In what ways do these things also bring you peace?
9. (a) How did Christ overcome the world? (John 16:33) Support your answer from the Word. (b) How are you overcoming the world?
10. How is John 16:32-33 a personal comfort to you during difficult times?
11. (a) How have you been challenged as a result of this lesson? (b) Put your need in the form of a prayer request.

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.

Christ Prays for the Eleven

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1. Read John 17 out loud. (a) What elements of Jesus' prayer are missing from your own prayer life? (b) What are the words and phrases that are repeated and what is the significance of these?
2. Memorize John 17:15.
3. Christ says in John 17:9 "I do not pray for the world." (a) For whom are the following prayers given? Matthew 5:44; Luke 23:34; John 17:20; and 1 Timothy 2:1-4? (b) How do these verses reconcile with John 17:9?
4. In John 17:10 Christ mentions that the disciples glorified Him. In what ways did the disciples bring glory to the Lord during His earthly ministry? Share some thoughts backed up with scripture.
5. (a) What do the following verses say about the importance of unity among the brethren? Read Psalm 133; Romans 15:5, 6; 1 Corinthians 1:10; 12:12-27; Philippians 2:1-4. (b) How do these verses help you to understand Christ's request for the eleven in John 17:11? (c) In what practical ways can we strive to protect the unity in the body of Christ? (d) Do others characterize you as a woman who gets along with others in the body of Christ? Are you causing divisions, stirring up strife, criticizing others or those in leadership? (These are serious sins that the Lord does not look upon lightly)
6. Jesus does not desire that the disciples be taken out of the world (see John 17:15). (a) Read the following and discover who prayed to be taken out of the world and why. Numbers 11:10-15; 1 Kings 19:1-8; Jonah 4. (b) What do these verses teach you about the desire to be taken out of the world? (c) Why does Christ desire for us to be left in the world? See Ephesians 2:10 and Titus 2:14.
7. What do you think Christ meant in John 17:19 when He said, "I sanctify Myself"?
8. The disciples were sent out into the world for a purpose, a mission (see John 17:18). (a) Do you know what your purpose or mission is in the world? (b) Write it down in 20 words or less to share with your group.
9. Write out a prayer that includes petitions for someone else. Concentrate on asking God for their spiritual welfare and try to avoid asking for physical needs. Be prepared to read them (or pray them) in class. These do not necessarily need to be lengthy. (Remember The High Priestly prayer)

1. Read John 13-17 reflectively. (a) Write down any new truths you have learned as a result of this study. (b) What changes have you made as a result of this study?
  
2. Memorize John 17:24.
  
3. The following question came from lesson one: What do you hope to gain from our study this year, "With the Master in the Upper Room?" (Hold on to your answer until the end of the year!) Question: Did you receive what you hoped to gain? (You will need to look at lesson one to see what you wrote)
  
4. (a) What do the following verses say about the righteousness of God? Psalms 36:6; 45:6-7; 50:6; 71:19; Romans 1:16-17; 3:5-6; 3:21-26; James 1:20; 2 Peter 1:1; 1 John 3:7. (b) How do these verses help you to understand why Jesus calls God "righteous Father" in John 17:25?
  
5. Jesus says in John 17:24 that the Father loved Him before the foundation of the world. (a) According to the following verses, what else happened before the foundation of the world? Matthew 25:34; Luke 11:49-51; Ephesians 1:4; Hebrews 4:3; 1 Peter 1:18-20; Revelation 13:8; 17:8. (b) What does this teach you about time past?
  
6. (a) Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 noting how Paul addressed the issue of disunity in the church. What should be our attitude(s)? (b) How should the body be functioning? See 1 Corinthians 12. (c) How do these verses relate to Christ's prayers for us in John 17:20-26?
  
7. (a) Do you pray for your children and/or grandchildren who are not yet born, and for future spouses for your children and/or grandchildren? (b) What types of prayers have you prayed for them? I encourage you to start including them in your prayers. (Jesus prayed for us before we were even born!)
  
8. What challenge have you come away with regarding your own prayer life after studying John 17? Please write it down in the form of a prayer request