

(1) As you read through the prayer of Jesus in John 17, pause and take note of the many ways in which we see that its underlying theme or sustaining purpose is the love of God for his people. Can you identify the many ways in which this is evident?

(2) How does it strike you to know that Jesus asked his Father to “keep” his followers secure? How does this affect your view of whether or not a true Christian can so fall away from his/her faith as to forfeit or lose their salvation? Read 1 Peter 1.3-5 and talk about how it relates to the prayer of Jesus in John 17. Do the same with John 6.38-40.

(3) Read John 15.11 and 17.13 together. How does this influence your understanding of what the Christian life is to be like? How does it influence your approach to and appreciation for the teachings (the “words”) of Jesus in Scripture and the rest of God’s Word?

(4) If the Father uses the “Word” of “Truth” to “sanctify” us, how should this affect our approach to the Bible, to preaching and teaching, to Scripture memorization, etc.? Explain how God has used the truths of his Word to transform you and enable you to become more like Jesus.

(5) What did Jesus mean when he asked the Father to guard us against the onslaught of Satan? What can Satan actually do to us, and what is he always prevented from doing?