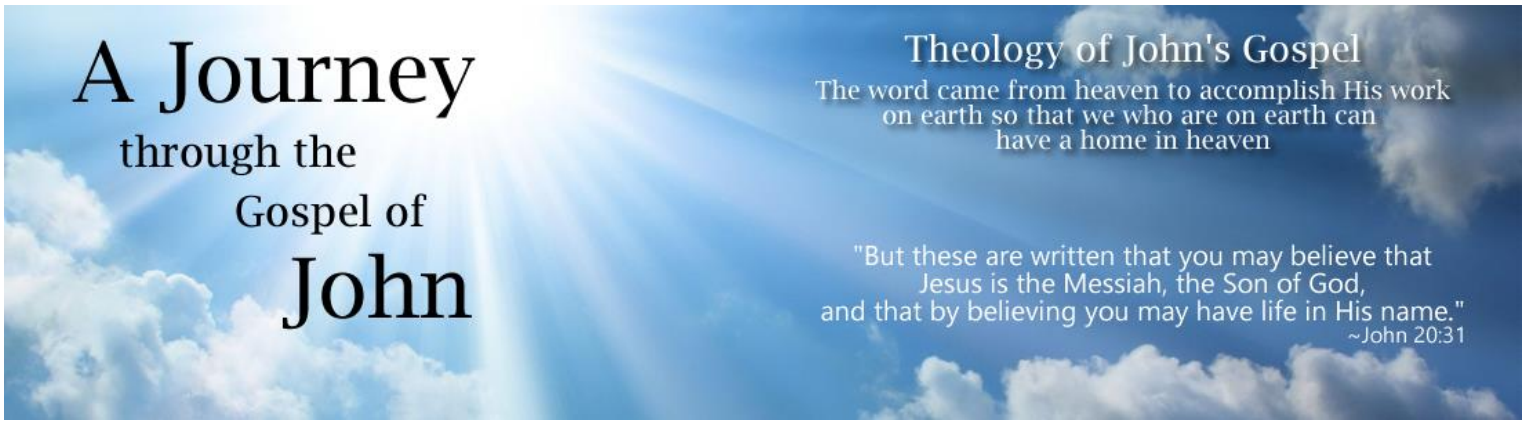

Gospel of John Ch. 17: "Jesus Prays for His Disciples and Us"

Opening Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank you for bringing us together in your name.
Bless our time together as we seek to be more like the image of Christ.
We know that your word is trustworthy and true. Open our hearts and minds to the wisdom of your word.
Let your truth guide our thoughts, words and actions daily so that we can share it with those we encounter.
We ask these things in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Study Guide Group Questions: John 17:1-26

1) How did Jesus define eternal life? To whom would Jesus give eternal life?

2) Scripture teaches that Abraham interceded on behalf of Lot and the people of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18). Moses interceded for the Israelites (Exodus 32)? Who did Jesus intercede for in His prayer and what did He ask God to do for them?

3) Jesus prayed for Himself and His disciples. Who else did He pray for and what did He ask God to give them?

4) After reading Jesus' prayer, how does it make you feel about the power of prayer? How does it make you feel that the One we believe, trust and worship as our Savior, prayed for us when He was fully human walking on earth?

Closing Prayer

May the LORD bless us and keep us.
May the LORD make His face shine upon us and be gracious to us.
May the LORD lift up His countenance towards us and give us His peace,
The kind of peace that can only come from the Prince of Peace,
Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.