

**“The Place of *Koinonia* in Creation and Redemption:  
Delighting with God in God Through Christ”  
John 17:1-26  
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*Questions for Study & Reflection*

1. Given that the word *koinos* means “common,” what does the word *koinonia* mean? How is this meaning affected for Christians by the fact that our connection is Christ?
2. How did Jesus define the term “eternal life” and how does this relate to his suffering and *koinonia* (see John 3:14-15)?
3. The NASB translates John 17:5 very accurately: “Now, Father, glorify me together with yourself with the glory which I had with you before the world was.” What does this request say about the identity of Jesus? Remembering that Jesus is praying this prayer for our sake (v 13), what does this request tell us about the relationship between the Father and the Son?
4. Why does Jesus specify in verses 6ff he manifested the Father “to the people whom you gave me out of the world”? How does this relate to *koinonia*?
5. What do verses 9-12 tell you about the eternal purposes of God for the church through Jesus Christ? How is *koinonia* related to these purposes?
6. Read John 17:4-5 and then 22-23 and meditate on the glorious grace of God toward us in Jesus Christ. What does it mean to say that Jesus gave us his glory? What does this *not* mean?
7. Read John 17:24-26 and 1 John 3:1-3. Meditate on the wonder of the fact that Jesus Christ *wants* to be with us so that we might behold and delight in his glory forever. Read 2 Cor 3:16-18 and meditate further on the fact that exposure to his glory is the means by which we’re transformed, both in this life and the next.
8. Read Ephesians 1:7-10 and 1 John 4:7-12 and meditate on the high place that *koinonia* has in the mind of God for the life of the church. What does this fact imply about your present way of life with regard to the church?