(1) What attempts at so-called Christian "unity" have you seen in the world? Were they effective? If not, why not? Is the sort of Christian unity that Jesus describes adequately seen or achieved by these efforts?

(2) Jesus wants us, his followers, to be "unified" or "one" in the same sense that the Father and Son are "one". In what ways are the Father and the Son "one"?

(3) Can true Christian unity be attained apart from a common commitment to biblical truth? Or does biblical truth serve only to divide Christians from one another? Depending on how you answer that question, what is your solution?

(4) Read Philippians 2:1-4 and what Paul says about the nature of Christian unity and how it is to be achieved. Is this consistent with what Jesus prayed for in John 17? What does Paul identify as obstacles to Christian unity? What steps can each of us take to remove these obstacles?

(5) Jesus says in John 17:21 that our unity is an evangelistic tool to awaken the world to the truth of the gospel message. How effective have we been in this? How might we get better?