

(1) Let each person take a minute or two and talk about what they find to be the most amazing passage in the Bible.

(2) Now consider John 17:23. Begin with an attempt to explain how much and to what degree and for how long the Father has loved the Son. Is there any love in the universe that is comparable to or greater than this love?

(3) Knowing yourself as you do, how does it strike you to hear Jesus say that the Father loves you “just as” or “even as” he loves Jesus? What makes this so difficult to grasp?

(4) Read 1 John 4:17. Is John here saying the same thing that Jesus said in John 17:23? How does this truth affect your attitude about standing before God on the Day of Judgment? Is it presumptuous of us to look forward to that day with fearless confidence? If not, why not?

(5) How does it strike you to contemplate gazing upon the unmediated, qualified glory of Jesus Christ? Can you describe now what you think you will feel and do then? Try!

(6) Read Ephesians 3:14-21. Work your way through this prayer and determine, as best you can, if Paul possibly had in mind John 17:23 when he wrote it.