

1. Read through Jn. 17, Jesus' prayer in the Garden. What seemed to be Jesus's main concerns about his followers as he neared the end of his earthly life?

2. Last week we talked about five different meanings of the word "world" as it is commonly used in the New Testament. Using the following verses, list those meanings here:
 - a. Mt. 13:35; 16:26; Rom. 1:20; Heb. 4:3; 9:26.

 - b. Mt. 24:14; Lk. 4:5; Jn. 3:17, 19.

 - c. Mt. 5:14; Jn. 1:9; 3:16; 2 Cor. 5:19.

 - d. Jn. 8:23; 15:18-19; 16:20; 1 Cor. 2:12; Gal:4:3.

 - e. Mt. 16:26; 1 Jn. 2:15; Rom. 12:2.

 - f. Mt. 4:8-9; 1 Cor. 1:20; 3:19.

3. In his prayer, Jesus mentions the word "world" 17 (NIV), 18 (RSV), or 19 (KJ) times, depending on the translation. The word "earth" is mentioned once. It seems clear that by "earth" Jesus was referring to the physical place where he lived. But what exactly does he mean by "world" in the following verses? (Use letter designations from question 2.)

v. 5	v. 14 (3x)	v. 23
v. 6	v. 15	v. 24
v. 9	v. 16 (1 or 2x)	v. 25
v. 11 (2x)	v. 18 (2x)	
v. 13	v. 21	

4. When Jesus said of his followers, "I have sent them into the world" (v. 18), was he referring to the mission of the 12 apostles (Mt. 10:5 et seq.) or to the sending out of the 72 disciples (Lk. 10:1 et seq.)? If not, what do you think he meant?