

GROUP LEADERS NOTES – STUDY 19

QUESTION 1

- a) It refers to the hour of His death, burial, resurrection. It was the reason He came and all His ministry always pointed towards it.
- b) Jesus has often spoken about the 'hour' not yet here (**John 2:4; 7:6, 8, 30; 8:20**). Now that hour had come (**John 12:23, 27; 13:1; 16:32**).

QUESTION 2

- a) *"The glory of God is that which reveals who God really is. It is the manifestation of His character"* (Wallace Benn).
- b) The glory of the Father and the Son are bound together (see **verse 5**).
- c) How Jesus is glorified ties in with the previous question. See Jesus' words in **John 12:23-24**. *"Here the glorification of the Son is unambiguously associated with His death"* (Carson).
- d) The Roman cross was the symbol of humiliation and shame. An unlikely place to find glory. But to Jesus; that is what it meant.
- e) The cross came to show how seriously God regards sin. But also it shows His power, wisdom and the redeeming love in saving power (see **1 Corinthians 1:23-24**).
- f) Here the Son prays that the Father will accept His willing and obedient suffering.
- g) *"For in the cross of Christ, as in a splendid theatre, the incomparable goodness of God is set before the whole world. The glory of God shines indeed in all creatures on high and below, but never more brightly than in the cross"* (John Calvin).

QUESTION 3

- a) Although Jesus always had divine authority, the authority mentioned here refers to the work He would do on the cross.
- b) *"Christians often think of Jesus as God's gift to us; we rarely think of ourselves as God's gift to Jesus"* (Carson).
- c) Note in verses 1 and 2 the connection between Jesus bringing glory to the Father and His giving eternal life.

QUESTION 4

- a) The gospel involves a personal knowledge of God's holiness and grace.
- b) We can only know the Father through knowing Jesus (see **John 14:6**).
- c) Jesus was sent to reveal the Father to us (see **John 1:18**). In John 14:9, when Philip asked Jesus to show them the Father; His response was: *"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father"*.

QUESTION 5

- a) Jesus glorifies the Father and reveals Him through His earthly ministry. Throughout His words and actions He had pointed to the character of God.
- b) However, the greatest revelation is still to come on the cross.
- c) Jesus here sees the work on the cross as already finished, although there is of course a sense in which it has not yet happened.
- d) **Revelation 13:8** speaks of Jesus as the Lamb slain from before the foundation of the world. The work was already completed in the heart and mind of God. Now it just has to be done.

QUESTION 6

- a) Here the glorification of the Son is associated with returning to the glory of the presence of the Father (see **Philippians 2:9**).
- b) This happens with the completed work of salvation (see **Hebrews 1:3**).
- c) In the second part of this verse we have a declaration of the deity of Christ and his pre-existence (see **1:1**) Otherwise He could not seek to share God's glory (see **Isaiah 42:8**).