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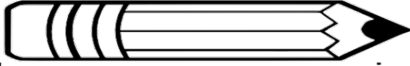
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2. As you think back over our series in John 17, what one or two things have most challenged and/or inspired you from God's Word?
3. When you hear super-intelligent people like Stephen Hawking say, '*There is no heaven. It's a fairy-tale*', does it cause you to wrestle over your faith convictions? Why? Why not?
4. How do you understand/manage the interplay between (good) science and Christian faith?
5. Who was Jesus praying for in verses 20-26? What are the personal implications of this prayer for you?
6. What was Jesus' grand vision in verses 20-26? How have you seen this vision worked out (for better or for worse) in the life of the church(es) you have been a part of? [*share sensitively*]
7. Is '*love and unity*' really the greatest evangelistic tool we have? How could your small group and/or CBC grow in this area? (See John 13:34-35). How would Christchurch judge CBC in this regard?
8. **Upwards Unity** (v20b). Why does Jesus pray first about our unity with God? Share how you are united to God and growing?
9. **Inwards Unity** (v21-23a). Unpack these verses together to explore what and why Jesus prays about the '*oneness*' of the church.
10. **Outwards Unity** (v21c & 21b). Discuss how '*inwards unity*' translates into '*outwards*' mission. How are you expressing this beyond the walls of the church?
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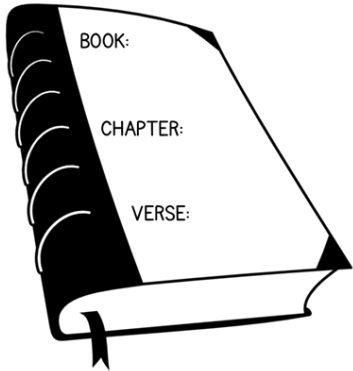
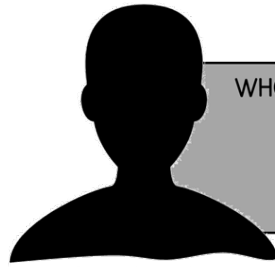
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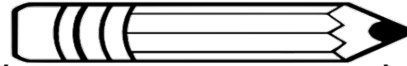


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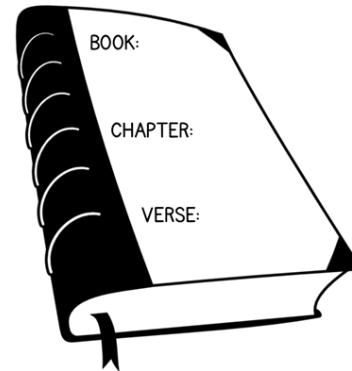
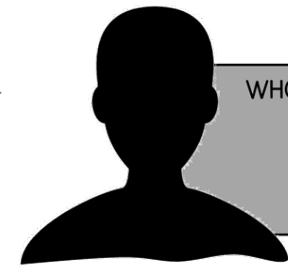
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