All Theological Roundtable participants are asked to prepare for the conversations by their own study of John 14-17 and by reading the first book listed below. Additional reading is recommended for those who want to do more. Additional resources may be added to this list.

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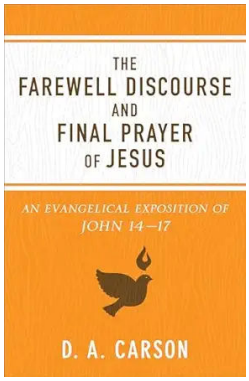
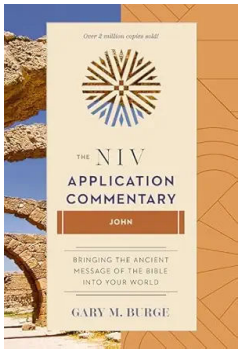
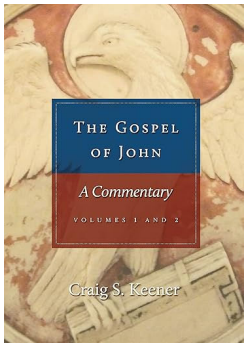


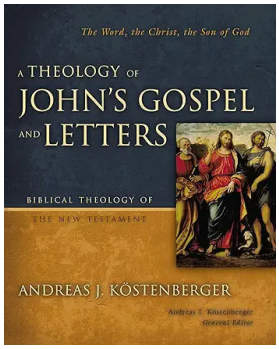

*The Farewell Discourse and Final Prayer of Jesus: An Evangelical Exposition of John 14-17* by D.A. Carson

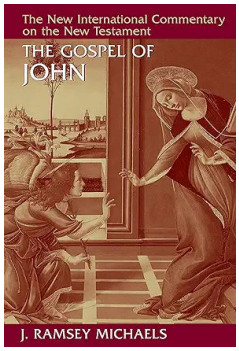
In this study D. A. Carson illuminates Jesus's message to his disciples after the Last Supper, in which Jesus proclaims the coming of the Holy Spirit and prays for himself, his followers, and the world. D. A. Carson clearly explains what Jesus taught his disciples the night before his crucifixion. This exposition of John 14-17 helps students of the Bible appreciate Jesus's teaching on the coming and the work of the Holy Spirit, his high priestly prayer, and his commandment to love one another.

**Additional Commentaries:**



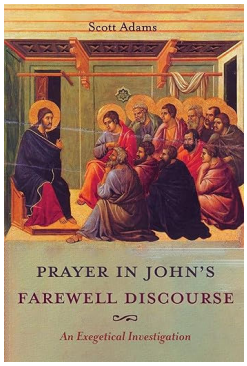




An older recommended commentary is *The Gospel of John* (NICNT) by Leon Morris (1995), if you have it or can get it. He also has *Reflections on the Gospel of John* (2000, one volume, Hendrickson) or *Reflections on the Gospel of John: The True Vine, John 11-16* (1987, Baker)

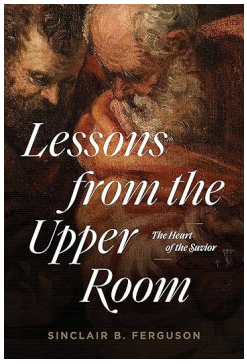
Some of these include more of John's material than we will cover, but you'll be glad to have them as resources for other study.

**Additional Topical Reading:**




## *Prayer in John's Farewell Discourse: An Exegetical Investigation* by Scott Adams

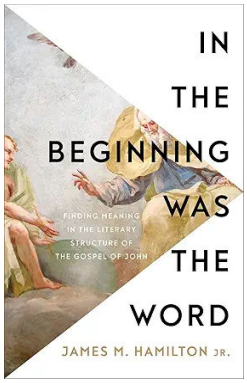
It was reported that a doctoral student at Princeton once asked Albert Einstein, "What is there left in the world for original dissertation research?" He replied by saying, "Find out about prayer. Somebody must find out about prayer." Since Einstein's day, a great deal has been written on the topic of prayer in general. However, relatively little has been written about prayer in John's Farewell Discourse in particular. Therefore, this analysis not only seeks to understand the relationship between Johannine and Jewish, Greco-Roman, and Christian prayer traditions, but also seeks to discern the unique function and application of prayer as it is prescribed in the Farewell Discourse.




## *Lessons from the Upper Room: The Heart of the Savior* by Sinclair B. Ferguson

What would you give to spend an evening with Jesus, hearing Him teach and listening to Him pray? This is what we encounter in the Farewell Discourse of John 13–17. As the shadow of the cross loomed, Christ shared His final hours with the disciples to prepare them for His death, quiet their troubled hearts, and intercede on their behalf before the Father.

In *Lessons from the Upper Room,* Dr. Sinclair Ferguson draws us into these intimate hours from the night when Jesus was betrayed. This vivid picture of Christ's ministry, from His washing the disciples' feet to His High Priestly Prayer, shows us the heart of Jesus. Discover His deepest desires for His people and take delight in the suffering Savior who has overcome the world.




## *In the Beginning Was the Word: Finding Meaning in the Literary Structure of the Gospel of John* by James Hamilton

You may have heard the saying that the Gospel of John is shallow enough for a child to wade in, yet deep enough for an elephant to swim--meaning that any literate Christian can adequately understand it, but there is depth of meaning below the surface that is well worth the effort to explore. , ,

Like an expert diving instructor, pastor and biblical scholar James M. Hamilton Jr. gives you the tools and training necessary to discover the theological treasures found in the literary structure undergirding John's Gospel. Covering both the overall structure of the book, as well as key repetition of terms, phrases, concepts, and themes, Hamilton helps you understand what John wanted his readers to understand about Jesus's claims of Old Testament fulfillment, his human and divine natures, the triune nature of God, and more.

## Other Media Resources:

**Bible Project** John 13-17: Jesus' Last Night With His Disciples

**Sinclair Ferguson (video)** *Lessons from the Upper Room*

**Craig Keener (video)** *A Concise Survey of John's Gospel*