

January 16 & 17, 2021  
Message: Pastor Doyle Jackson  
Study: Pastor Doug McCoy

## Come On 2021 (2): No Kidding

### I. Announcements & Prayer

- **This Weekend** – We will be worshipping in the building at **5pm Saturday** and **9:20** and **11am Sunday**. You can participate through Facebook Live or [thechurchnextdoor.org](http://thechurchnextdoor.org). You can also stay in your car in the parking lot and listen through 97.8fm. **Who can you bring with you?**
- **TV and Radio Shows** – Growing Closer To God is now called “Your Next Step”. It will be on **NBC4 at noon** for the next three week. The Your Next Step radio show continues **Mon-Fri at 10:30am and 6:30pm on The Word 880 AM and 104.5 FM**. There is a podcast for Your Next Step and also for Ask A Pastor, a short show Pastors Doyle and Doug do on 610 WTVN. **Have you shared the shows with anyone?**

### II. Ice Breaker Questions

1. What is your all-time favorite joke? [Pastor Doug's is: What did Adam say to his wife on December 24<sup>th</sup>? “It’s Christmas, Eve!”]
2. What is the silliest thing you’ve ever seen someone be very serious about? How would you feel if you somehow discovered this silly thing really was as serious as this person thought?

### III. Bible Study

Read **Deuteronomy 6:4-6**

*<sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. (NIV)*

1. How serious did Moses take our need being in relationship with God? What truths about God made him take a relationship with Him so seriously? What might be keeping us from taking it as seriously as he did?

Read **Matthew 22:35-39**

*<sup>35</sup> One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”*

<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”<sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ (NIV)

2. Pastor Doyle listed ten Christian values and principles in his message this weekend. The first three were Love God First, Generosity, and Fasting & Prayer. How are these related to Jesus' teaching here? How does seeing them as expressions of loving God improve the way we approach them?

### Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23

<sup>23</sup> May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (NIV)

3. The Value of People is another Christian value and principle. What might we be doing that violates the value of the bodies, spirits, and souls of those around us? What might we be doing that violates the value of our own bodies, spirits, and souls? How does valuing the body, soul, and spirit keep us from violating them?

### Read 1 Corinthians 1:2 and Romans 11:29

<sup>2</sup> To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours: (NIV)

<sup>29</sup> for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. (NIV)

4. Now Is Our Time and I Am Called are two more. Where do we see those values and practices into your life? How does it make you feel to be called “sanctified”?

### Read Acts 2:43

<sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

5. Miracles & Healing, Spiritual Gifts, and the Return of Christ are the last two. How big a part of church life were these things in the days of the apostles? How big a part of church life should they be today? How would that affect us?

### Read Acts 17:26, 31

<sup>26</sup> From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and **he marked out their (our) appointed times in history and the boundaries of their (our) lands.**

<sup>31</sup> For he has set a day when **he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed (Jesus).** He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.” (NIV)

6. God took these values and practices so seriously that He appointed Jesus to spread them throughout the earth. How does knowing this is your time give you strength or encourage you? How can we join Jesus in spreading the word today?