

January 21 & 22, 2023

Message: Pastor Doyle Jackson

Study: Pastor Doug McCoy

Church is Transformed

I. Announcements & Prayer

- **This Weekend** – indoor worship services **Saturday @ 5pm** and **Sunday @ 9:20 and 11am**. You can listen in your car by tuning your radio to 95.3 FM or watch the livestream on Facebook or thechurchnextdoor.org. **Bring a neighbor! Invite a friend!**
- **Radio Show** – The **Your Next Step** radio show continues **Mon-Fri at 10:30am and 6pm** on **The Word 880 AM and 104.5 FM**. The podcast is also available on our website yournextstepnow.com as well as all podcasting services.
- **Deeper Life** – Deeper Life meets this Sunday night at 5pm with lessons from Genesis and Exodus.
- **New Bible Reading Plan and Podcast** – find our 2023 Bible reading plan and daily podcast on the app or at <https://thechurchnextdoor.org/connect/bible-reading-plan/>. It will bless your life!
- **Men's Breakfast** – our next men's breakfast is **February 4th**. We'll have breakfast bowls, fellowship, and worship. Men, invite some brothers to come with you. Women, encourage your husbands and sons to come.

II. Ice Breaker Questions

1. What musical instruments do you play and/or wish you played? Why do you like those instruments?
2. When you were a teenager, what did you do to change or create your image or "brand"? How do you feel about doing those things now? Why do you still want or not want that brand today?

III. Bible Study

Read **1 Samuel 16:7** (NIV) and **1 Corinthians 13:12** (NIV)

*Speaking of young David*⁷ "The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

1. What positive things do you think the Lord sees in you? What things does God see in you that He might want to change? How can we draw encouragement from knowing God looks at our heart?

Read **2 Corinthians 5:17** (NKJV) and **Ephesians 2:10** (NKJV)

17 Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

2. When have you felt like you are a new creation and God's workmanship? What "good works" do you think God has prepared for you? How can we encourage you to do them?

Read **Exodus 19:3-5** (NASB)

3 And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "This is what you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the sons of Israel: **4** 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and *how* I carried you on eagles' wings, and brought you to Myself. **5** Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine;

3. What do the terms "covenant" and "my own possession" tell you about your relationship to God? How do they make you feel about this relationship? Why do you think God has brought you into this relationship (hint: there are several reasons; think hard!)?

Read **John 17:20-23** (NKJV)

20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; **21** that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. **22** And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: **23** I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

4. Jesus says He in in us. When have you been confident that you are "one" with Him in this way? How did the confidence in your union with Jesus encourage you to do His work?

Read **Matthew 4:18-20** (NKJV)

Jesus calling the disciples **18** And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. **19** Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." **20** They immediately left *their* nets and followed Him.

5. Why does Jesus invite Peter and Andrew to "follow" Him and not just "believe in" Him? What does following Jesus look like? What were some of your first steps?

Read **Matthew 16:15-18** (NKJV)

Jesus first calls us the church **15** "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" **16** Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." **17** Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. **18** And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock **I will build my church**, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

6. Why is it important to understand that Jesus is the builder of the church? How can we work for the church while still understanding it is ultimately "His" church? What will be the outcome of us working positively under His leadership?