

January 27 & 28, 2023  
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## Small Habits – Putting It All Together

### I. Reminders

- **This Weekend** – worship services **Saturday @ 5pm** and **Sunday @ 9:30 am & 11am**. You can listen in your car by tuning your radio to 95.3 FM or watch the livestream on Facebook or [thechurchnextdoor.org](https://www.thechurchnextdoor.org). **Bring a neighbor! Invite a friend!**
- **Radio Show** – the **Your Next Step** radio show continues **Mon-Fri at 10:30am** on **The Word 880 AM and 104.5 FM**. The podcast is also available on our website [doylejackson.com](https://www.doylejackson.com) as well as all podcasting services.
- **Happening Soon:** 1) Prayer Night – February 28<sup>th</sup>. 2) Men’s Breakfast – March 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3) Good Friday Service – March 29<sup>th</sup>. Check the **EVENTS** page on the website or app for more details!

### II. Ice Breaker Questions

1. If you could host your own radio talk show, what would it be about (sports, entertainment, politics, something else)? Who would you have as your first guest?
2. What is your “lonely passion” (something you are passionate about but no one else in your life cares for)?

### III. Bible Study

Read **John 3:1-9** (NIV)

*A nighttime visitor...* **1** Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. **2** He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

**3** Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

**4** “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

**5** Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. **6** Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. **7** You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ **8** The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

**9** “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

1. What do you think Nicodemus wanted from Jesus? How was being “born again” what Nicodemus needed? How has being born again blessed you?

Read **1 Peter 2:9** (NIV)

**9** But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

2. How is Peter describing us here? How does it feel to know we are these things?

Read **Acts 2:38** (NIV)

*The day of Pentecost...* **38** Peter replied, “**Repent** and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

3. How is “repenting” like being “born again”? How often do you think believers need to repent like this? What leads you into repentance?

Read **Matthew 16:24** (NIV)

*Following Jesus...* Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants **to be my disciple** must deny themselves and **take up their cross** and follow me.” (Mk 8:34; Lk 9:23)

4. How does Jesus’ teaching here make you feel? What will help you to take up your cross as He says we must do?

Read **Luke 4:18-19** (NIV)

*Jesus in Nazareth...* **18** “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom (deliverance) for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, **19** to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” (See Isaiah 61:1,2; Isaiah 58:6)

5. What is the freedom or deliverance Jesus came to proclaim? What would you like Jesus to deliver you from? How do you think He will do this?

Read **Galatians 6:14** (NIV)

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

6. What does it mean to “boast” in the Cross? When will you boast in the Cross this week? Who will you bring with you?