



July 13 & 14 2024
Message: Pastor Doyle Jackson
Study: Pastor Doug McCoy

Summer Current: Prayer

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. **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 as well as all podcasting services.
- **Upcoming Events** – 1) Men's Event with WRFD - July 20, 2) Our Prayer 5K - August 24, 3) July 23 – Women's Testimony Night, 4) July 28 – Simply Beautiful Women's Night.

II. Ice Breaker Questions

1. August decorations are already in stores. Too early? Why or why not?
2. What song has been getting stuck in your head lately? Do you like or hate that song?

III. Bible Study

Read **John 16:1** (NIV)

1 “All this I have told you so that you will not fall away.”

1. “All this” refers to the instruction Jesus gives on the last night before His crucifixion (abide in me, love one another, the Helper will come, etc.). Why does Jesus tell us He gave us this instruction? When has this instruction kept you from falling away?

Read **John 17:1-2** (NIV)

1 “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. 2 For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him.

2. What does “authority” allow one to do? What authority did God give Jesus? Why did God give Jesus this authority? How can we exercise this authority to accomplish Jesus' mission?

Read **John 17:11; 15-19** (NIV)

11 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. **16** They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. **17** Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. **18** As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. **19** For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

3. Why does Jesus ask God to “protect” us rather than remove us? When have you felt God’s protection as you did His work? How does it feel to know He wants us to go out into the world under His protection?

Read **John 17:20-21** (NIV)

20 “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, **21** that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”

4. What does it mean for believers to be “one”? Why do you think believers are not one like this today? What can we do to answer Jesus’ prayer and become one?

Read **John 17:25-26** (NIV)

25 “Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. **26** I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

5. What does Jesus say He has done here? How does this description of Jesus’ ongoing mission feel to you? When is God made known to us, and when do we make Him known to others?

Read **Malachi 3:16-18** (NIV)

Treasured remnant... **16** Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name.

17 “On the day when I act,” says the Lord Almighty, “they will be my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as a father has compassion and spares his son who serves him. **18** And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.

6. What does it mean to “fear the Lord” (hint: it is not to be terrified or afraid of Him)? What happens for those who fear the Lord? How is this a promise for you today, and how do you know you are covered by this promise?