

EFCDP SERMON NOTES • February 9, 2025

Series: *Did God Really Say?*

“The Inspired Intersection” • John 17:9-19

The Big Idea: *You can know what Jesus is praying for you right now.*

1. You are secure in Christ.

Vv. 9-12

2. You can have the joy of Jesus.

Vv. 13-14

3. You are protected from Satan.

Vv. 15-16

4. You are called to reach your world with the gospel.

Vv. 17-19

Digging Deeper

A guide for personal and small group study for the week of February 9, 2025.



→ Was any part of the message unclear? Which aspect of the message do you think will be the most challenging to apply to your own life?

→ Do you agree with the “big idea” of this passage? Why or why not?

1. Did your parents ever tell you that you made them proud? If so, what did you do to prompt that comment? If you never heard those words, why do you think this was the case?

2. Did you ever try out for something, such as to be on a sports team or in a school play/musical, and get accepted? How did that make you feel?

• Did you ever apply for a job/school and not get accepted? How did that make you feel?

3. Describe in your own words, the personal significance of what Jesus says about all true believers in John 17:9-10.

4. If you are a true Jesus follower, how do Jesus’ words in John 17:9-10 make you feel?

• What does it mean to “glorify” someone? (See John 17:20-24.)

5. How does the experience of Judas explain why some people who look like true believers sometimes turn out not to be disciples at all? (See John 6:64-71, 13:10-30; Psalm 41:9.)

6. Read John 17:13-14. What do you think is the connection between the things Jesus spoke and our potential to have Jesus' joy in our lives? (See Psalm 119:162, Jeremiah 15:16, Ephesians 4:29-32.)

→ If you feel a lack of joy in your life, what do you think might be the reason(s)?

7. Read Exodus 3:13-17. In John 17:11, Jesus asks the Father to “keep us” in his name. Since the “name” of someone represents all a person's attributes, what is the significance for us of Jesus' statement here? What do the events around the first time God revealed his name to his people teach us about his ability to protect and provide?

8. What do your non-Christian friends typically think about Satan? (Is he even a real being? What power does he have? Do they think he is a dark spiritual equal to God?)

9. Summarize what the Bible teaches about Satan in these passages:

- Genesis 3:14-15
- Colossians 2:15
- Romans 16:20
- Hebrews 2:7-8a
- 1 John 5:18
- Job 1:6-12
- Luke 22:31-32

→ What limitations does God impose on Satan?

10. If the unity Jesus desires for us is to be like the unity experienced in the Trinity (John 17:11), what does this mean for us in a practical way? How might this be related to Jesus' statements about us being "kept" in His name, in contrast to Judas, who was not "kept?"

11. Why is it important for us to be protected from Satan, as we continue to live "in the world?" (Cf. John 17:15-16 and 1 Peter 5:6-11?)

12. How did Jesus "consecrate" himself (John 17:19)? What does he say was his purpose in doing so? How do Jesus' statements in John 17:17-19 relate to Matthew 28:16-20?

13. Read Hebrews 7:25. How could remembering what Jesus is praying for us help Christians in the following circumstances:

- You are struggling with temptation:
- You are discouraged by other people:
- You are depressed:
- You doubt you are really saved:

Application Ideas:

1. Read and meditate on Romans 8:31-39 every morning for the next week. Take note of how starting your day with these truths changes your outlook.

2. Ask God to reveal how you can join Jesus in his mission, to reach your world for him.

3. Review Ephesians 4:17-32, taking note of ways you may have grieved the Holy Spirit, and focus on living in the grace this passage describes.

4. As you go through your week, remember that Jesus is praying for you no matter what comes your way.

→ Which of these will be the most challenging for you to personally apply?