

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For week of July 4, 2021

MY STORY

Where would you put yourself on the line below:

I tend to blend in

I like to be different

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

DIGGING DEEPER

Why is it important that Jesus is the exact picture of God the Father? How does that impact how we present His to others?

People's *primary* view or understanding of Jesus varies. He is:

"My best friend", "My co-pilot", "My personal savior", "My teacher and guide", etc. How do these descriptions differ from Jesus being equal with God the Father?

In His prayer for His disciples, Jesus asks that they/we not be "taken out of the world". Why not?

What does it mean to you that as a Jesus-follower, you are kept and guarded by God? How does that affect your outlook on life?

Jay said that Jesus prayed that God would "sanctify" us. What does that look like in your life? Is this something that we might play a part in? How so?

The Bible says in Hebrews that Jesus "ever lives to intercede for us". What does that mean to you both spiritually and practically?

PRAYER REQUEST

Tips on Group Prayer

Prayer is an important part of being in a Small Group. We've found that group prayer goes better when we follow three simple guidelines:

WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request. Once a request is introduced, the group focuses on that request. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

PRAY MORE THAN ONCE

Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray out loud.

WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT & SIMPLE

Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused, and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Missionaries of the Month Please pray for Ed and Ruth Scott as they serve with the Navigators.

Vacation Bible School Only one more week until VBS! Go to www.wpcchurch.org to sign up.



The Gospel of John---That You May Believe

Jesus' Farewell Prayer Part 2

John 17:6-19 (ESV) Jay Farwell July 4, 2021

I Jesus manifested the Father

- He revealed the whole person of God the Father to the disciples
- He perfectly reflects and displays the **entire person** of God the Father to us
- As we lay hold of this truth, it will change how we live by changing who we are

II Jesus' prayer to keep and guard His followers

- He prayed that the Father will keep His disciples secure in their salvation
- He prayed that the Father will protect His disciples from the world, the flesh and the Devil

III Jesus' prayer to sanctify His followers

- His prayer calls us out of the world
- His prayer sets us apart from the world
- His prayer is for joy that is not of the world