

BLESSED BY JESUS

BEGIN WITH PRAYER

With a view towards our vision...

That every man, woman, and child in
Lake Norman and beyond has the
opportunity to hear and respond to the
gospel of Jesus.

We're emphasizing our devotion to...

Engaging in the Great Commission

By seeking to BLESS as we are BLESSED by Jesus.

Begin with Prayer

Listen

Eat

Serve

Share the Gospel

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read **John 17:1-26**. What points or applications from the sermon particularly resonated with you? What questions do you have from the passages that were preached?
2. In **John 17:18** Jesus parallels His mission with the mission of His disciples. In what ways is our mission unlike Jesus' mission and in what ways is it like His?
3. In **John 17:25** Jesus acknowledges that the world does not know God. What challenges do you face knowing God but living in a world that does not know Him? In what ways do you live differently when you are with "the world" versus when you are with "the church"?
4. Read **Hebrews 7:23-28**. Why is it significant that we have Jesus as a permanent priest? What do you suppose Jesus' intercession is for you right now? How does this affect the way you approach the current joys and challenges of your life?
5. How does the fact that Jesus' ministry is marked by prayer challenge and encourage you? How does this motivate you to be more diligent to "Begin with Prayer" as you seek to be used by God to represent Jesus to those He has brought into your life?

OUR OPPORTUNITY TODAY

6. Take some time to individually think of people who are close to you and far from God and places where you are near people who do not know Jesus. Write down the people and places you think of and plan for times this week that you can pray for them. If you can't think of any specific people or places, plan to pray that God would change that!
7. Read **Colossians 4:2-4** and **Ephesians 6:18-19**. Close your time in prayer making these prayers your own by asking God for opportunities (Colossians 4:3) and boldness in those opportunities (Ephesians 6:19).