

Behind Enemy Lines 2: God's Plans for His People

September 11-12, 2021

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John 14:27 (NIV) **27** Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

I. Be the Change — BE-Attitudes

Matthew 5:11–17 (NIV) **11** “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. **12** Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

13 “You are the **salt of the earth**. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

14 “**You are the light of the world**. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. **16** In the same way, **let your light shine before others**, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”

 Jesus expects us to be _____

The Challenge

2 Timothy 1:6–8 (NIV) **6** For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. **7** For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. **8** So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God.


 Embrace the _____

II. Spiritual Change in Our Nation's Past

Acts 8:1-3 (NIV) **1** ...On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. **2** Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. **3** But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.

 Overnight, the church found themselves _____

Acts 11:19-22 (NIV) **19** Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. **20** Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. **21** The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. **22** News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.

 This was the beginning of _____

III. We Are Cultural Drivers

Matthew 5:1–8 (NIV) **1** Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, **2** and he began to teach them. He said:

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.


4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

 What does God want to see in His people? _____

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This Week's Bible Readings (Use the TCND App if you want to listen):

Sat Rest Sun Hos 6-11 Mon Hos 12-14 Tue Joel 1-3

Wed Amos 1-2 Thur Amos 3-6 Fri Amos 7-9 Sat Rest

Our Mission

Moving people closer to God



Our Vision

(What we see ourselves doing every day)

Meeting you where you are: "the Jesus way"

1. *Jesus left heaven for us - John 6:38*
2. *Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life - John 14:6*
3. *Repeatedly, the Bible says Jesus went out to the people, villages, and region.*

A Prayer for Our Time

September 2021 * 1 Sam 14:6

Heavenly Father,

We come before You in the Name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. We are overwhelmed by the cruelty, neglect, ambition, and evil we see in our generation.

Humility & Repentance

Today, we humble ourselves before You on behalf of our nation and pray. Forgive us for seeking the pleasures of this world instead of You. We need to seek our peace in You alone. Our thinking and behavior have been wrongfully rooted in self. We ask Your forgiveness and that You break the hold of this selfish ambition and pride over our lives.

We need Your Help & Guidance

We need You now more than ever. Cleanse our hearts. We trust You for the future and look to You for hope. Thank You for being so patient toward us. We know You love us and we want to honor and love You in return. We surrender our decisions and direction to Your hands. Give us Your eyes to see and Your ears to hear how to move forward in a pleasing way before You. May we walk sensitive to Your Holy Spirit in these days. In Jesus' name, Amen

Welcome Home!

Upcoming Events at The Church Next Door!

Sundays 6pm: Deeper Life Bible Study with Pastor Doyle in the Sanctuary

Wednesdays 6:30pm - 8:30pm: Grounded Student Ministries

Junior High 6th - 8th Grades; Senior High 9th - 12th Grades

Small Groups throughout the week: Text "Small Group" to 614-412-2144 today for more info!

Simply Joy Women's Small Groups: Beginning wk of Sept 19 for 8 wks

Next Door @Home Small Groups: Oct 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov 3, 10, and 17

Sept 11-12 Weekend Services Sat 6pm and Sun 9:20am and 11am:

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Enjoy Nachos together after each service!

Sept 12 Sun 3pm - 8pm: Simply Joy Women's Gathering

Come for Worship, Speakers, Food Trucks, Lantern Release, and Bonfires!

Activities will be inside and outside; Water Baptism will be available;

Simply Joy Small Groups: Sept 15, 22, 29, and Oct 6

Sept 18-19 Weekend Services Sat 6pm and Sun 9:20am and 11am:

Join us for Schuler's Pumpkin Donuts after each service!

Sept 25-26 Weekend Services Sat 6pm and Sun 9:20am and 11am:

Touch-A-Truck Weekend! Interact with some big and specialized vehicles!

Fellowship around Fire Pits and enjoy making S'mores!

Oct 2-3 Weekend Services Sat 5pm and Sun 9:20am and 11am:

Saturday Service time change - we're returning to 5pm!

Communion weekend

Oct 4 Mon 1pm - 7pm in the Chapel: American Red Cross Blood Drive

Sign up by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit

www.RedCrossBlood.org with sponsor code: TCND

Oct 9 Sat 10am - 12pm: Trunk or Treat!

Oct 9-10 Weekend Services Sat 5pm and Sun 9:20am and 11am:

Water Baptisms at Sunday 11 am service only

Oct 20 Wed 7pm: Worship Night

Join us for an evening of live Praise and Worship!

Nov 2 Tues 6:30am - 7:30pm: Voting Day!

Nov 7 Sun 2am: Remember to move your clocks back an hour!

Nov 6-7 Weekend Services Sat 5pm and Sun 9:20am and 11am:

Communion Weekend