

KEPT IN HIS NAME

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Get a Grip & Get a Life // Preparing for Departure // John 17:6-12

CONNECT – Announcements (page 2) & Building Relationships

1. What's new in your life since the last time we met? And where do you see God at work in the life around you?
2. What's the riskiest thing you've ever done—and would you do it again? (*This can be funny or serious—skydiving, trying a gas station burrito, or sharing your faith*)
3. Describe a situation in your life where you found stepping out of your comfort zone led to unexpected growth or blessing.

REFLECT - Out of the Word and Into Our Lives

4. Read John 17:6-12 [have someone read it aloud for group time]. What stood out to you in the sermon this week and what did God reveal to you in His Word, maybe for the first time?
5. Verse 6 reminds us that Jesus revealed the Father's name (Yahweh = Jehovah = "I AM"). Read Exodus 3:15 and consider: how does Jesus' repeated revelation to be the "I AM" Savior affect your trust in Him?
6. Pastor Jeremy described how the mission Christ has called us to compels us to pursue risky obedience. What are some ways you sense God may be inviting you to obey even when it feels uncomfortable or uncertain?
7. Jesus described His disciples as those given to Him by the Father. How does that truth give you confidence in your relationship with Him?
8. What does it look like for your life to glorify Christ, even when you're imperfect—like Peter or Thomas were?
9. Pastor Jeremy said that we are to live as ambassadors and not tourists in the world where Christ has left us to live on purpose. What are the differences between living as a tourist and living as an ambassador? Which of these mentalities would you say is more characteristic of modern Christians?
10. Pastor Jeremy said, "Our safety depends on the keeping power of God, not on our own character." How can this truth free us to live with risky obedience?

PROTECT – Care for one another (divided, gender-specific groups)

11. Think of one "risky" step of obedience you sense God might be calling you to take. What's holding you back?
12. How can we support and pray for one another as we step into "risky obedience" this week — maybe sharing our faith, forgiving someone, or trusting God with uncertainty?
13. Who in your life needs the safety and salvation found in Jesus' name? How can we pray for their salvation and boldness to reach them?



Pray for one another, lifting up any prayer requests the group may have shared. And pray that God would help us to step into risky obedience, knowing that we are kept in His name.

Announcements

As we announced in services yesterday, we are excited to welcome Pastor Avery Canfield as our new Executive Pastor of New Vision starting on November 16. Avery has been in ministry for 9 years, recently obtained a Master of Divinity from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and has a lot of practical experience in leading the administrative efforts of ministries across the church. He and his wife Brittany and their two sweet children, Augustin (3) and Felicity (nearing 2) will be moving to our area from the Concord area. Please pray for them as they prepare for this transition.

Resources for Going Deeper

J.D. Greear offers a powerful reflection on the necessity of risk in following Jesus and the illusion of safety outside God's will: <https://jdgreear.com/risking-for-christ-is-dangerous-but-not-risking-is-more-dangerous/>

John Piper provides a gospel-rich exploration of how God's faithfulness ensures He keeps His people to the end, tied beautifully to "kept in His name": <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/grounds-for-assurance-that-god-will-keep-us-trusting>