

These notes suggest ways you can prepare for the sermon that will be preached on October 3, 2021 at First Evan. Feel free to use them for class or small group discussion. Feel free to pick just one or use them all.

1. In John 17:4, Jesus declares that He has completed the assignment He received from Father. To what is Jesus referring? In what way would John 17:6, 8, 12, 14 & 18 help answer this question?
2. What if Jesus came to our world and died on the cross and returned to heaven but didn't seek followers or invest in the apostles? What if no one knew or cared about what He did when He was crucified? How would this affect the impact of His earthly ministry?
3. From whom did you learn about Jesus and what He did for you? Tell your story.
4. Jesus says, "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father" (John 14:12). To what could Jesus possibly refer when He says that we who believe in Him will do greater works than He did? How is this possible?
5. Here is a quote from William Carey: "I am not afraid of failure. I am afraid of success in things that don't matter." How does this statement speak to you? Can you recount an incident or chapter in your life when you decided to stop doing something that matters little in order to do something that matters to God?
6. What does this statement mean? "Fruit is not the cause but the evidence of salvation – A fruitless 'believer' is not a believer." In what way is your life different from what it would be if you didn't claim Jesus as your Savior?
7. Who do you know (neighbor, friend, co-worker, student) who does not know Jesus? How have you attempted to talk about spiritual things with him or her? Have you ever invited them to church or to a Christian gathering? How can others pray for you as you seek to have a conversation about Jesus with someone in your circle of relationships?

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