

## St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

*EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2024! Leading to Worship Sunday, May 12, 2024*

### Reading: John 17:6:19

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! EBC also has a video component on the St. John's website and St. John's You Tube channel. This week's video finds us in Aliso Viejo, California, as we marvel at the fact the Jesus is praying for us – for our joy, for our protection, and for our earthly lives! Click here: <https://youtu.be/zFrcus8awul> Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

### Three Points

- In John 17:6, we jump into the midst of Jesus praying for his disciples. Jesus starts by recounting a bit of history: he has taught the disciples, they now believe in him, and he has protected them.
- Jesus then asks that the disciples might have his joy, and that God would protect them from the same malevolent earthly forces that will shortly arrest and crucify Jesus.
- The disciples earthly experience will be tough, but Jesus also prays, very specifically, that God would not take the disciples from the world, but would protect them from the evil one in the world.

### Two Questions

- How often do we say to others that our thoughts and prayers are with them? How often do we make a point of pausing, right then and there, to actually say that prayer for those in need? What does Jesus' willingness to pray for his disciples, even as he faces upcoming pain and death, tell us about when we can and should pray for others?
- What do you make of Jesus' specific prayer that God would NOT simply take the disciples? Since we have eternal salvation, and life can include suffering, why wouldn't Jesus ask God to simply take the disciples sooner rather than later?

### Action Step

- Look out for a chance to pray! Somebody needs not just your comfort, but your actual intercession to God on their behalf!

*Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?*

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!