



## **“Change Over Zone”**

*John 17:1-11 | 05.21.23*

### **Sermon Recap**

- The 100 feet before handing off a baton and the first 100 feet after handing off a baton in a 4X100 race is called the “change over zone.”
- St Andrew is in the change over zone as Pastor Jonathan departs and Pastor Brian prepares to come. Melanie Ogu is also in the changeover zone.
- In John 17:1-11, Jesus models healthy transition by letting go, trusting God, preparing the way for the Holy Spirit, and preparing the disciples for his departure.
- Transition is necessary, even when we look at the work of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. In the changeover zone, we can learn to trust God, step up to serve in new ways, and offer support to our new pastor and his family.

### **Questions for Reflection and Discussion:**

1. Do you prefer winter or summer Olympics? Do you have a favorite event?
2. How do you tend to manage transitions? Do transitions typically excite you or cause you anxiety?
3. What about Jesus’ example of transitioning to speaks to you?
4. What is one way that you can you trust God, step up, serve, and offer support during this season of transition?
5. How have you witnessed God’s grace recently?
6. How can we pray for you?