

Dig Deeper @Home – “Resident Aliens”

Complement to sermon on 6/3/18 – “Not from our Hand”

ICE BREAKER – ask these to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. Would you rather eat fast food for every meal or never eat fast food again?
2. Would you rather confess and move on or conceal and hope it’s never discovered?

MEMORIZE – 1 Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

READ – Daniel 5

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What does this passage reveal about God? About humanity?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life?
3. Read Proverbs 6:12-15. What comparisons do you see between this passage from Proverbs and Daniel 5?
4. Daniel 5 is arranged in a chiasmic structure. This is a literary form of parallelism that highlights the main point. See if you can identify the structure and the main point using the help below:
 - A – (5:1-4)
 - B – (5: 5-6)
 - C – (5: 7-9)
 - D – (5: 10-12)
 - C' – (5: 13-16)
 - B' – (5: 17-28)
 - A' – (5: 29-31)
5. God speaks prophetic words to lead us to repentance. Read Proverbs 1: 22-26. Where do you need to respond to God’s warning in your life? What do you need to confess and repent of?

Summarize Daniel 5 in two sentences or less:

Experiential- Pick a bible verse and hang it on the wall somewhere you will see it every morning. Say it out loud every morning and ask Jesus to enable you to live it out.

Testimony Time – Share about a time you confessed and received forgiveness. What was it like? What was the result? Was it easy/difficult and why?

SING (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)

Behold Our God - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gqrli3Lkf58>

As you sing this praise to the “One who knows all things” let that truth lead you to seek Him for wisdom and direction in your life

Would you be Free – Mennonite Hymnal #555

A good reminder on the source of true power

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Holy Spirit, be our strength this week. Help us to rely more fully on you in every area of life. Live through us for the glory of God and the good of others. In Jesus Name, Amen.