

Dig Deeper @Home – “God’s Will”

Complement to sermon on 7/22/2018 – “Living God’s Will”

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

1. Would you rather read the book or watch the movie? Why?
2. Finish the sentence: Fishing is ...

MEMORIZE – 2nd Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promises as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

READ – Ephesians 1

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. In verses 16-17, Paul shares how he does “not cease to give thanks” for the believers in Ephesus and that he remembers them in his prayers.
 - a. What does he ask God to give them?
 - b. For what reason?
4. Read again Ephesians 1: 20-23.
 - a. How is Christ described in these verses?
 - b. Who/what is the source of these descriptions? (hint: v19)
 - c. Why does this matter? How should this increase our hope as believers for the here and now? (hint: compare and connect v13&14)
5. Read the rest of the book of Ephesians this week

Summarize Ephesians 1 in your own words.

Thanks and Remembrance

Spend time each day this week praying for your family members. Follow Paul's lead and thank God for each of them, then ask the Father of glory, to give them the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, that the eyes of their hearts would be enlightened, that they may know the hope to which God has called them, the riches of His glorious inheritance, and the immeasurable greatness of His power. (For an added bonus, pray this prayer for neighbors, co-workers, classmates, etc.)

Testimony Time – Share times you have experienced the immeasurable greatness of God's power. If you have kids, help them to see this in the everyday like a sunrise or sunset, a thunderstorm, the intricate design of plants, wake up and look at the stars, etc.

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

Praise Adonai - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XpF7xpd-E-E>

A great song of praise to the One True God!

This is my Father's World – Mennonite Hymnal #49

A hymn that gives glory to God our Father.

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:

Gracious Father, thank you for the Holy Spirit. Enlighten the eyes of our hearts, increase our knowledge of you and show us the immeasurable greatness of your power throughout our week!