

Dig Deeper @Home – “God’s Will”

Complement to sermon on 7/29/2018 – “Feeding on God’s Will”

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

1. When you are really hungry for a snack, what food do you most crave?
2. What was the favorite “fast food” place you would frequent as a teenager?

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 – John 4:1-42

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. What is significant about this story taking place in Samaria? What is important about Jesus doing the will of the Father and choosing this woman as the first person to whom he revealed himself to be the Messiah? (vv. 39-42)
4. How did Jesus respond to this woman and her current life circumstances? (vv.16-26) What do you think most influenced the woman to consider that the man she was talking to was the Messiah?
5. What social, ethnic or religious barriers have you been challenged to overcome in Jesus’ name? What aspects of Jesus’ conversation could you use as a model for your own discussions with searching friends?
6. As you read the parable that Jesus shares in vv. 35-38, what can you learn about telling others about Jesus? Read verse 34. Jesus tells his disciples that his “food” is to do the will of the Father. Is doing God’s will as essential to you eating food? Why?

Summarize John 4:1-42 in your own words.

Experiential – “I Spy”

Play a game of I spy with the group. Choose an object that you can see, for example an apple.

Say 'I spy something beginning with A'. The group then has to guess the word beginning with that letter. See how far you can go in the alphabet.

Testimony Time – Share examples of where you have had an opportunity recently to see God at work in a contact or conversation with someone about your faith in Jesus. Share where you might struggle to share your faith.

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

This is My Desire - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=obi5ZGujiuU>

As you worship, ask God to give you a deepening desire to know Him and to honor Him with all of your life. Thank Him for all He has done and for all He is doing.

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life – Mennonite Hymnal #439

This hymn reminds us of the many ways that God’s will to share the Gospel shows up along the ways of our lives.

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 your love and kindness. Thank you for giving us our daily bread. Grow in us a deepening hunger for you and for your righteousness and for your will to be done here on earth as it is in heaven. Guide us to those who are hurting and who are without hope. May our words and our actions speak of your great love and grace for all who will trust and believe in you. In Jesus Name, Amen.