



**Dig Deeper @Home – “Everything You Need”
Complement to sermon on 02/23/2020 – “The True Vine”**

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

1. Would you rather be lost in the desert or lost at sea?
2. If you had to listen to one song for the rest of your life, what would it be?

MEMORIZE – John 8: 56-58

Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad. So, the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”

READ John 15: 1-17

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What sticks out to you in this passage?
2. What did you like? What didn't you like?
3. What general observations can you make? Anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
4. There are several “so that” or “that” statements in these verses. These are points of emphasis. What are these points of emphasis and how do they/are they to fit in the life of a follower of Jesus?
5. What is this passage revealing about God?
6. What is it revealing about us as humans?
7. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life or what truth from above do you need to apply in your life and how will you do that?

Experiential activity – Remaining in ...

Read v7 again. Jesus tells us to have “his words remain” in us. Let’s put this into practice this week and keep it going through Lent. Memorize Luke 4: 16-21. But don’t only memorize it. If you keep reading in John 15, Jesus implores his followers to action when he says, “you are my friends if you do what I command you.” Remaining in Jesus involves putting his words into practice. So, throughout Lent, don’t only memorize Luke 4: 16-21, pray for opportunities to put it into practice and then look for opportunities each day. In doing so, you will remain in Jesus and his words will remain in you and when you do, “your joy will be full (v11).”

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

The Well - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bW5unzXXC0k>

Abide with Me – Mennonite Hymnal #495

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:

Go and speak as God has spoken to you. Go and forgive as God has forgiven you. Go and love as God has loved you. Go and become as God has directed you. Go and live as Christ has commanded you. And go with God’s blessing, live in God’s will, and God will be with you. Amen.