

Dig Deeper @Home – “Coincidence?”

Complement to lesson on 06/14/2020 – “Feeling Overlooked”

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

1. What’s your favorite thing to do in summer?
2. Would you rather take a swim through shark infested water or take a jog through wolf infested woods?

MEMORIZE – Esther 4: 15-16

Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai, “Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish.”

READ Esther 6

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What sticks out to you in this passage? What did you like? What didn’t you like?
 - a. What general observations can you make? Anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
2. What is this passage revealing about God? About us as humans?
3. Read Matthew 6: 1-18.
 - a. What is the point of these teachings?
 - b. What do we learn about God from these teachings?
 - c. How can this help us next time we are feeling overlooked?
 - d. How does this relate to Mordecai and Haman?
4. In light of these revealed truths, what changes might you need to make, and how do you feel you are being called to put this into action?

Experiential activity – In Secret

This week, live out the teaching of Jesus in Matthew 6: 1-18. Spend time this week praying, fasting, giving and serving others in secret. During your time of prayer and fasting, ask the Lord to show you how you respond when you feel overlooked and to show you a better way. Ask Him to show you ways to serve those in your own home and your neighbors this week. Trust that even though these are done in secret, the Father will reward you just as Jesus promises.

SING (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)

Boldly I Approach - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4QDnVD7gu5Y>

Make Room - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gCkzLtJ3WIU>

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GrJ3WKNeerA>

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 this week, having been changed by the presence of God. Go this week, in the power of the Holy Spirit, ready to risk for the Kingdom of God and serve those around you. Go this week, affecting and infecting the world with the love of Christ. Go with these on your lips, “Here am I, send me.”