

Dig Deeper @Home – “Stories that Transform”
Complement to lesson on 07/12/2020 – “Having Debt Erased”

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

1. Have you ever had a debt erased? What was the situation and how did it feel?
2. Would you rather jump off a 30ft high dive or attempt a back flip off a normal diving board?

MEMORIZE – Luke 9: 34-35

As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him!”

READ Luke 7

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What sticks out to you in this passage? What did you like? What didn't you like?
2. What general observations can you make? Anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
3. What is this passage revealing about God? About us as humans?
4. How do you feel about Jesus doing something good for a Roman centurion? Think of a modern day equivalent of a Roman centurion to you and then consider how you would feel seeing Jesus heal this person's servant (who could very easily be Jewish). Now how do you feel? What is Jesus saying to you in light of this?
5. Read again Luke 7:14. What is a bier? What is significant about Jesus touching it? What happens next? What is the point of Luke recording this account?
6. If you are like me, you read Luke 7:15 and hardly even blinked. You may have even sped through as you were reading. Read it again. Does this sentence amaze you? Why or why not? If you read a news article in 2020 about someone sitting up in their coffin and talking again during their funeral (one that Snopes verifies is fact), how would you respond? Same or different?

Experiential activity – Love Much

Spend time this week loving others. It's easy to criticize, correct, argue with, debate and condemn others. This week, love others by spending more time listening. Love others by letting down your own walls and share your own struggles. Love others by serving them. Love others by joining them in the things they enjoy doing. Love others by telling them all about Jesus as you spend time with them. Tell them how they remind you of Jesus, ways they image Jesus. As you spend time loving others, be ready for doors to open that will allow you to lovingly speak God's truth and good news into their lives as well. And because you loved them so well, they may be more ready to not only listen to but receive the good news and apply God's truth.

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

From the Inside Out - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SZ-fghqc8Oo>

Restore Me - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Otyr2uIS0o>

Transformers - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Y1Kne1xi3c>

Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly – Mennonite Hymnal #585

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:

May the grace of Christ that daily renews our lives, and the love of God that enables us to love all persons, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit that daily transforms us, make us keen to discern and prompt to obey the complete will of God.