

Dig Deeper @Home – “Stories that Transform”
Complement to lesson on 08/09/2020 – “Proportional Expectations”

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

1. What was the worst storm you have ever lived through? What stories can you tell?
2. Have you ever been judged by a standard you didn't know was being enforced?

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 9

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, or compared?
2. What is this passage revealing about God? About us as humans?
3. Several times our passage points out that the master arrives unexpected and unannounced. Have you ever been caught “red handed,” not knowing anyone was watching? How could this have been avoided?
4. How many positive responses/blessings can you find in our passage for the servant who is found faithfully serving? (Hint: Verses 37, 44)
5. By contrast, what does our passage say will be the response of the master to those servants who are not found faithful? (Hint: Verses 46, 47)
6. Verse 40 declares, “You also must be ready.” Are you? How much thought do you give to this?

Experiential activity – “A Nighttime Hike”

With your family, group, or even on your own, take a hike in the nighttime to see what it is like to travel with the added difficulty of finding your way in the dark. Make sure everyone has a flashlight or other method of illumination... we don't need any trips to the hospital! If you aren't quite brave enough, a short walk at dusk will suffice. While this activity will be best experienced with a hike on a trail or through the woods, a simple walk around the neighborhood or cul-de-sac will suffice for those “with eyes to see!”

Our passage in Luke says that the faithful servant “keeps (their) lamp burning.” How do we see well with the spiritual darkness that surrounds us? Are we spiritually blind to the will of the master?

Read Psalm 119:105 in closing and pray that God would illuminate the transformation he wishes to do in your life, and the ways he is calling you to serve!

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

I Will Follow - <https://youtu.be/g02mOpdNDtY>

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

Take My Life and Let it be Consecrated – Mennonite Hymnal #358 –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9speOjVQ3ZA>

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:

Father,

May I be dressed for service, ready and willing to do your will.

May I keep my lamp lit, guided by your Word and your Spirit, hand in hand with my brothers and sisters in Christ.

And may I be empowered to faithfully do your work, in thankfulness for your great love for me.

For your name's sake.

Amen.