

Dig Deeper @Home – “Stories that Transform”

Complement to lesson on 08/23/2020 – “Where Loyalties Really Lie”

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

1. Finish the following sentences
 - a. Running is ...
 - b. After a long day I just want to ...

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 14

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, or compared?

3. What is this passage revealing about God? About us as humans?

4. Who is Jesus speaking to throughout chapter 14? Luke actually records who he is directing certain parables and illustrations to. Take time to locate each of these. (hint: there are 5 times Luke explicitly states who Jesus is talking to) What difference does this make to the meaning?

5. Twice Jesus speaks of inviting the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind. (v 13 & 21)
 - a. What would it take to apply this in your own life?
 - b. What would it take to do this when a church body gathers?
 - c. What keeps you from doing this in your own life?
 - d. Why does Jesus say to do this?

6. Jesus likens the Kingdom of God to a great feast. However, the guests who were invited (and RSVPd to come) seemed to change their minds the day of the feast. What reasons (excuses) were given to not attend? Are these valid? (hint: none of them are) How do we do the same thing?

Experiential activity – Counting the Cost (or not)

In Luke 14: 25-35 Jesus tells his followers to count the cost of following Him. This activity is meant to reinforce what happens when we don't count the cost. Play a game of Monopoly with these couple rules. Any space you land on, you must buy. If someone already owns that property, you must buy it from them and they can charge whatever they want up to 5 times the listed value. Players are out when they run out of money.

Questions for follow up:

1. How did these rules change the game? How did you feel when you had to buy a property?
2. What does any of this have to do with counting the cost of following Jesus?
3. Using just the parables we have covered so far in Luke, what is the cost of following Jesus? Have you actually counted the cost of following Jesus in your own life?

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

Counted up the Cost - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MEWymdRBHho>

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

Christ is Enough - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0fZ-tBR7LJ0&t=56s>

Come, Thou Fount – Mennonite Hymnal #310

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 blessing based on the lesson:

Go forth as doers of the Word, not forgetting what you have heard. As you do, may you experience the promise of God in his word to be blessed in your doing.