

Dig Deeper @Home – “Stories that Transform”

Complement to lesson on 08/30/2020 – “Seeing What You Wanna Believe”

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

1. Tell of a time when you were tricked by your eyes.
2. Tell of a time when you had a hard time believing what you were seeing with your eyes.

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 17: 1-19

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. According to verses 1-10, what is the connection between faith and forgiveness?
5. Look again at verses 1-4.
 - a. What does Jesus say we are to do if we see another Christian sinning?
 - b. What keeps us from doing this?
 - c. How do verses 1-2 give us proper perspective to overcome anything that might keep us from rebuking another?
6. In the account of the 10 lepers in verses 11-19, only one comes back and thanks Jesus.
 - a. Who comes back?
 - b. What is this saying about the nine (presumably Jews) who didn't come back to thank Jesus? How is this a bigger indictment against Israel itself?

Experiential activity – Recounting Blessings

Last week we were encouraged to count the cost of following Jesus. This week, count up or recount the blessings we experience from God. Write these out in a book or journal and do this with someone else, perhaps a spouse, your family or a friend. Challenge yourself to a certain number a day. How about 50? Write out 50 things you are thankful for or ways that you have been blessed. Perhaps it is good health. Maybe a soft pillow. Perhaps it's having a best friend. Practice giving thanks to God for these things and even worship Him for it together. In this way, we respond like the Samaritan Leper. Who knows, maybe you will even surpass 10,000 reasons!

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

10,000 Reasons - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXDGE_IRIOE

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:

May you go this week using every opportunity, every interaction to love God and love others. Holy Spirit, transform our thoughts and our reactions to be ones of thankfulness no matter what we may face this coming week.