

## **Dig Deeper @Home – “Stories that Transform”**

### **Complement to lesson on 09/06/2020 – “Will These Stories Transform?”**

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

1. As summer winds down, what do you look forward to most about the fall?
2. What stories can you tell of personal transformation brought about by your relationship with Christ? Are there currently areas of your life you see in the process of transforming?

#### **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 20**

##### **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. After hearing this week’s parable, what was the response of the crowds? How did the scribes and chief priests respond? (Hint: Verses 16 & 19-20)
4. Throughout this series on parables, we have been presented with many calls to transformation. Did any in particular convict you? Have you responded with rejection or receiving? Need a refresher? The list of passages and links to messages we have covered is available here:  
<http://finlandmc.org/stories-that-transform/>

## **Experiential activity – “Answering the Call”**

For this activity, participants will need cell phones.

Write the name of all people who will be taking part this week on an individual slip of paper and put the papers into a hat or bowl. If you do not all have each other’s cell phone numbers, include this on the paper as well. Pass the container around and each select a name. (It will be more fun if you don’t let each other know who’s name you have picked.) At some point during the week, when the person will least expect it, text them this message:

**“Will These Stories Transform? ...This is my Son, my Chosen One, Listen to Him! Luke 9:35”**

It is easy, in the busyness of life, to forget God’s call to transform. May this gentle reminder keep our desire to honor Christ at the front of our minds this week!

(If someone does not have a cell phone; a note, email, or letter in the mail will do the trick!)

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

Cornerstone - <https://youtu.be/izrkerhDdk>

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

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation – Mennonite Hymnal #373

## **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.

## **Contemplative prayer based on the lesson:**

Father God, it is my desire to honor you with my life.

Open my eyes to the transformation you want to see take place in me.

Guide me by your Spirit to bear fruit in keeping with repentance. (Matthew 3:8)

For your glory and the good of others.

In Jesus name,

Amen.