

Dig Deeper @Home – “Stories that Transform”

Complement to lesson on 09/13/2020 – “What’s Your Motivation?”

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

1. Would you rather be able to turn into a squirrel anytime you wanted or be able to turn into any animal you want but only in life and death situations?

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 8

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. According to 8:1, what two things does Jesus do in the cities he visits?
 - a. How does Jesus actively bring and proclaim the Kingdom of God? (hint: what happens in the rest of the chapter?)
 - b. What would it look like for you to do those two things in the places you live, work and play? Write out specific ways you can do these two things in the places you go.
5. After Jesus calms the storm in 8: 22-25, the disciples ask the question, “Who then is this ...?”
 - a. Continue reading 8: 26-39.
 - i. How is the question “Who then is this” answered? Who answers the question?
 - b. There is much begging going on in these verses?
 - i. What are the demons begging? What are the townspeople begging? What does the healed man beg for? How does Jesus respond to each of these? What can we learn from this?

Experiential activity – Bringing and Proclaiming

Spend time this week proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. How do we do that? It begins by asking the question “what does good news mean to the people where I live? Where I work? Where I play?” Another way of putting it is this: how can I make the places where I live, work and play look more like heaven. Take time and think about what heaven will be like. Then look at what aspect of this is currently absent from the places you live, work and play. Now ask the Holy Spirit to show you how to bring that aspect to reality. Do this yourself, with your spouse, in your neighborhood hub or with your family. Let’s spend our lives doing what Jesus did ... proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God wherever we are.

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

Build your Kingdom Here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcSWpVKKMcs>

In the City - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sMsMeJG6Pa4>

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, empower us to bring and proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God in the places we live, work and play.