



**Dig Deeper @Home – “Stories that Transform”
Complement to lesson on 09/27/2020 – “Join the Celebration”**

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

1. What is the biggest party or celebration you have been part of? (prior to this current pandemic)
2. Which of your possessions were recently lost? Recently found? What did you have to go through to try to find your lost possession?

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 15

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. How does Jesus' parable of the lost sheep relate to the 'grumbling' of the Pharisees (vs. 2)? What is Jesus' point? (vs 7)
5. How do you picture the woman searching for her lost coin (vv. 8-9)? What is Jesus' point here?
6. In the third story of the lost son, (vv.11-32) what is Jesus' point? How does this third parable relate to the previous two? How does the older brother's response compare to the Pharisees and scribe's response to the tax collectors and sinners in vs.2?
7. Read Luke 18:9-14. How does this parable of the Pharisee and Tax collector give further insight into God's desire for lost people?

Experiential activity – Celebrate!

A you go throughout this week, intentionally think about celebrating some of the many ways God has shown His love and mercy to you. As you think about those things, celebrate with a prayer and a tasty treat. You may also want to encourage and celebrate with someone who has recently come to faith in Christ. Write a card or give a call to affirm and celebrate with them the decision they made to repent and turn to God through faith in Christ. And as you go about your life this week and are tempted at times to grumble and complain, turn instead your heart to celebrating God's faithfulness and grace in your times of need.

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

Celebrate Jesus, Celebrate <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUPFPeDh8aI>

Is He Worthy <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1A1sAdFXMIc>

Holy, Holy, Holy - Mennonite Hymnal #5

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:

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.