

Dig Deeper @Home – “Immature”

Complement to lesson on 10/18/2020 – “A Mature Attitude”

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

1. Are you more of a cup is half-empty or cup is half-full kind of person?
2. Would you rather be able to walk on water or walk through fire?

MEMORIZE – Philippians 1: 9-11

And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

READ Philippians 1:27 – 2:11

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. In 1:27 Paul instructs the Philippians to “let their manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.”
 - a. The phrase “manner of life” literally means to “live as citizens.”
 - i. What citizenship does Paul have in mind here? Is he telling the Philippians to live as citizens of Rome? If not, citizens of what? What does this mean to Christians living in 2020?
 - b. Take time to talk about what the gospel of Christ is. (for how can we live worthy of something if we are unable to define it)
 - c. What does it mean to live worthy of the gospel (hint: Paul gives some examples in verses 27-30)
 - d. What is the ultimate goal of a citizen focused on the gospel of Christ? (hint: check out 2: 10-11)

Experiential activity – Citizens in Good Standing?

How are you doing living as citizens focused on the good news of Jesus Christ in the areas where you live, work and play? Use the chart below to help you.

	Where you live	Where you work	Where you play
Standing Firm in One Spirit			
Progressing together with one mind			
Count others more significant than yourself			
Look to the interest of others			
Take the form of a servant			
Humble obedience			

Now that you worked through the chart, what would it look like to more intentionally live as citizens that are focused on advancing the gospel in the areas where you live, work and play?

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=jQ3EZbgeCaU>

Doxology/Amen <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J228TzIS9Co>

God of Grace and God of Glory – Mennonite Hymnal #434

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:

As you go this week, may the Holy Spirit empower you to live as citizens worthy of the good news of our glorious King, Jesus. For the good of others, the Glory of God, and the advancement of his gospel.