

Dig Deeper @Home – "Cultivating Heavenly Possibilities" Complement to sermon on 01/10/2021 – "Heavenly Ambassadors"

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

1. If you could compete in the winter Olympics (and be really good at it), which event would you choose and why?

2. Share about a time you had to play the role of an "ambassador." It doesn't have to be official. Think of a time when you had to speak on behalf of someone else. What was it like?

MEMORIZE – Matthew 7: 24-25

Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

READ Colossians 3: 1-17

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. List all commands that are given in this section. Which one do you need to focus on living out?
- 5. Read 2nd Corinthians 5: 16-21. What promises from these verses enable us to live out the commands you listed from Colossians?

Experiential activity – "The power of Love"

As ambassadors for Christ, our thoughts, words and actions need to reflect His. Jesus tells us that we are to love God and love others (Matthew 22: 36-40). Why is love so important?

Watch this clip from the movie Frozen <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b2xn0jDmiTw</u> then answer the following questions.

- 1. How does this clip help us understand what Paul means when he says, "And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony " (Colossians 3:14)?
- 2. Are your thoughts, words and actions driven by love? Which one do you need to focus on?
- 3. Jesus tells us to love God with everything we have and love our neighbors as ourselves. Spend time in prayer confessing the one you struggle with and asking the Holy Spirit to fill you with a greater love

SING (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!) Boldly I Approach - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4QDnVD7gu5Y</u> Build your Kingdom Here - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcSWpVKKMcs</u> When we Walk with the Lord – Mennonite Hymnal #577 Fuego - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0lo3nPOcRXg</u>

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:

Go from here as Ambassadors for Christ. May you be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of our Lord. May the Holy Spirit strengthen you with the love of God to bear fruit in every good work.