

## **Dig Deeper @Home – “Confronting Unheavenly Realities” Complement to lesson on 02/21/21 – “Called to Confront”**

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

1. When you see something needs fixed do you fix it yourself, alert someone else or do nothing?
2. Would you rather read the same book every day for a year, watch the same movie every day for a year or listen to the same album every day for a year?

### **MEMORIZE – Habakkuk 3: 17-19**

Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls; yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the GOD of my salvation. GOD, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer’s; he makes me tread on high places

### **READ Luke 12: 32-48**

#### **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. In verse 40, we are told to “be ready.” Looking at verse 47, what does it mean to “be ready?” How might verses 32-34 also give clues as to what Jesus means by “be ready?”
4. How does Jesus model the way for “being ready?” Read Luke 4: 14-30
  - a. In who’s power does Jesus return?
  - b. How do verses 18 & 19 shed light into what Jesus is supposed to do with the power of the Holy Spirit?
5. If followers of Jesus are called to “be ready” by doing the will of the one who sent them then Luke 4: 18-19 not only serves as words for Jesus, but for all of his followers as well. Which of these do you do well on? Which of these do you need to work on?

## **Experiential activity – “Proclaiming the Lord’s Favor”**

What would happen if we daily proclaimed the Lord’s favor to the people where we live, work and play, whether in person, on a video call, through email or using social media? We could postulate all day long about what impact it could have OR we could find out by doing it. So let’s do it. Proclaim the Lord’s favor daily. Proclaim it to yourself, your family, your friends, your co-workers. You can do this in many ways.

- One, turn bible verses into words of blessing. (May you be blessed with abundant joy today)
- Two, identify a gift God has given them and thank them for using it. (Wow, you are so creative. What a wonderful gift God has given you. Its great to see you using it to bring joy to others.)
- Three, tell them some way that they remind you of Jesus. (That was really great how you responded with compassion. In fact, you reflected the heart of Jesus.)

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

A Place called Earth - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gM7KuBRITH0>

His Mercy is More - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5EUvOnQr4Y>

O Praise the Name - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqBpifDpNKc>

At the Name of Jesus – Mennonite Hymnal #94

## **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 anointed with the Holy Spirit to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor where you live, work and play. As you do, may God the Father work powerfully in you and through you for His glory and the good of others.