

Dig Deeper @Home – "Confronting Unheavenly Realities" Complement to lesson on 03/21/21 – "The god of More"

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

- 1. Tell a time you had you too much of something
- 2. Finish the sentence. "If I could have more of something, I would want more ..."

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 Habakkuk 1:12 – 2:8

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, or compared?
- 3. What is this passage revealing about God? About us as humans?
- 4. We are told in 2:5 that death never has enough. Look up Proverbs 27:20. How does this proverb relate to the words of Habakkuk and in what ways have you experienced this in your own life? Now look up Matthew 5:6. How does this connect and in what ways have you experienced this in your life?
- 5. In verse 4 we are told that "the righteous shall live by his faith." Take time and read Psalm 15 to find out more about the expectations of the righteous.
 - a. How does Psalm 15 demonstrate the need for a Savior?
 - b. Look honestly at these and admit where you might fall short and ask the Holy Spirit for growth in these areas.

Experiential activity – Hungering for More

Read Matthew 5:6. Memorize Matthew 5:6. Spend time praying/meditating Matthew 5:6 every day this week. Start with a smaller achievable time (and certainly adjust for the age of the individual attempting this). Then, each day, add more time to your time of prayer/meditating. Here are some helpful questions to focus on as you pray/meditate.

- 1. Do I hunger and thirst for righteousness?
- 2. What else do I hunger and thirst for? Do I feel filled by these things?
- 3. What is keeping me from hungering and thirsting for righteousness more in my life?
- 4. God, help me to hunger and thirst for righteousness.
- 5. God, show me in my life where/how to hunger and thirst for righteousness.

SING (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!) More Love, More Power - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hhbyISg66q8</u> Let it Rain - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= IOS0twM7DU</u> O Praise the Name - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqBpifDpNKc</u> Be Still, my Soul - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mq59iE3MhXM</u> Let it Reign (hip hop version) - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=usbibs4BsBs</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, hungering and thirsting for more... for more of God's presence in your life, more of the power of the Holy Spirit moving in you and through you and to be transformed more and more into the image of Christ as you hunger and thirst for Him and His righteousness. Amen