



Dig Deeper @Home – “Letters to Finland”

Complement to lesson on 06/06/21 – “Letter to Finland from Steve Kriss”

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

1. What is one thing you would say you really want? That you deeply desire?
2. What was the worst sickness you have ever experienced in your life?

MEMORIZE – 2 Corinthians 3:2-3

You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all. And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

READ John 5:1-16

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What does the Holy Spirit draw your attention to as you read this passage? What sticks out to you?
2. What general observations can you make? Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
3. What can we learn about either God or the state of humanity through this passage?
4. How does this passage point us to Jesus?
5. Where do the truths of this passage intersect with your life?
(List at least two ways.)

Experiential activity – Summer Activity: Doers of God’s Word!

Put your learning into practice this week!

In what ways are you being called to respond?

- a. What does God want you to think, understand, or believe?
- b. What is God calling you to do in light of this passage?
- c. Who is God calling you to share this truth with?

If you are struggling to answer any of the above questions or struggling to live out the answers you do know, pray for wisdom, guidance, and strength from the God who “gives generously to all without finding fault!” (James 1:5)

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

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

Tenth Avenue North : Healing Begins - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFVSMTVavhQ>

Thou to Whom the Sick and Dying - (Mennonite Hymnal #151)

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:

Father, thank you for removing my heart of stone and replacing it with a heart of flesh. Guide me by your indwelling Spirit to walk in your decrees and obey your laws. (Ezekiel 36:25-27)

Shape me into what you would have me be, and may my life be an open letter to all who cross my path so that I may be a faithful witness to Jesus, my Lord and King. (2 Corinthians 3:2-3)

Amen.