

Dig Deeper @Home – “Biblically Incorrect”

Complement to lesson on 07/04/21 – “God Helps Those Who Help Themselves”

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

1. What is one time in your life when someone has gone out of their way to help you?
2. For a million dollars, would you choose to attempt to shoot a bullseye in archery or hit 3 straight basketball three pointers?

MEMORIZE – 2 Timothy 3:16-17

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

READ Luke 15:11-32

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What does the Holy Spirit draw your attention to as you read this passage? What sticks out to you?
 - a. What general observations can you make? Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
2. How does this passage point us to Jesus?
3. The parable of the prodigal son is the third in a triad (set of three connected things) of parables Jesus tells in response to a statement the Pharisees make in Luke 15:1. What is their complaint?
4. Take a few minutes to read Luke 15 in its entirety. How do these three parables answer the Pharisees objection? What aspects do all of the parables have as a common thread?
5. Compare and contrast the responses of the younger and older sons to the Father receiving back the son who had left the household. What do their responses say about their relationship with the Father? Which one was the “prodigal son?” Which one was furthest from the Father’s heart?
 - a. When it comes to your relationship with your heavenly father, do you relate more to the older or younger son’s response?
 - b. How do both sons serve as examples of the negative effects of believing “God Helps Those Who Help Themselves?”

Experiential activity – Doers of the Word: Generosity

“One person gives freely, yet gains more;
another withholds what is right, only to become poor.
A generous person will be enriched, and the one who gives a drink of water will receive water.”
Proverbs 11:24-25 (HCSB)

This week, put your faith into action and live generously! Donate food to the local food pantry (bring your Mac and Cheese donation to deposit in the box at church on Sunday!), send a check to a ministry doing God’s work locally or around the globe, or go out of your way to help out a family in need.

Freely you have received, freely give! (Matthew 10:8)

SING (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)
Seventh Day Slumber: Lead Me to The Cross - <https://youtu.be/8MXPOMKCGrE>
Seventh Day Slumber: Run to the Father - https://youtu.be/33-oeb_LGPU
Help Me to be Holy - (Mennonite Hymnal #580)

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 series:

Father God, open our eyes to your truth. (Psalm 119:17-18)
Do not allow us to walk in darkness. (Isaiah 42:16)
May your Word be as a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path. (Psalm 119:105)
Guide us by your Holy Spirit to walk in the truth, bringing glory to the name of Jesus! (John 16:13-14)