

Dig Deeper @Home – "Questions to Consider" Complement to lesson on 11/21/21 – "Are You Better?"

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

- 1. Describe your idea of the perfect house. (What does it look like? How big or small is it? Where would it be located?)
- 2. What is your response to the phrase, "Anything you can do I can do better"?

MEMORIZE – Nahum 1:7

"The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him."

READ – Nahum 3

Questions to ponder/discuss:

- 1. What does the Holy Spirit draw your attention to as you read these passages?
 - a. What sticks out to you?
 - b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
- 2. How do these passages bear witness about Jesus?
- 3. What is the main feeling you get after reading Nahum 3? What do you think God wants you to do in response to that feeling?
- 4. Read again verse 12. What does it mean that "all your fortresses are like fig tree with first-ripe figs?" What "fortresses" do you turn to and trust in?
- 5. In verse 18 we hear Nahum say "Your shepherds are asleep...your people are scattered on the mountains with none to gather them." Contrast this with what Jesus says in John 10: 7-18.

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better

In Nahum 3 the Lord asks, "Are you better?" The clear answer: no. One our own we are no better for all of us are wicked. However, those who are in Christ Jesus are not on their own rather, they have found refuge in the One True God. In Romans, Paul encourages us with an "anything you can do I can do better mindset" but he flips the meaning on its head. Read Romans 12: 9-13 to see this for yourself.

- 1. Who do you need to "outdo in showing honor" to this week?
- 2. Where can you contribute to the needs of others?
- 3. How can you demonstrate hospitality to someone else in the coming week?

Don't only answer these questions, act on them. Put them into practice this week.

SING (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!) How Great is Your Love - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vWUDHkC7Tns</u> The Great I AM – <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y_VR-zwp2KA</u> Strong Tower - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCV7sQ06b-4</u> A Mighty Fortress is Our God – Mennonite Hymnal #325

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:

May you know and experience the goodness of the LORD as you seek Him, trust Him and follow Him this week. As you go, bring the good news and proclaim peace to those where you live, work and play.