

Dig Deeper @Home – Better Together

Complement to lesson on 01/23/22 – “Joined Together”

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

1. If you could join two animals together to make one new animal to be your pet, what would you choose? (For example, I would choose a lion and an eagle to have flying lion as a pet)
2. Share about a time you were joined together with other people.

MEMORIZE – Ephesians 4: 11-13

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ

READ – Ephesians 2

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?
 - c. List out 10 questions that you have about this passage (no answers, just questions)
 - d. How about anything you don't understand? Can anyone gathered (or someone you know) help provide clarity?
 - e. What is the passage revealing about God? About people? In light of these, what needs to change in your life?
2. According to Paul, where are followers of Jesus seated? What practical difference does this make on our lives?
3. According to verses 8-10, what is the relationship between grace, faith, and works? How does this get lived out in your life?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Primary Citizenship

According to Ephesians 2:19 followers of Jesus “are no longer strangers and aliens, but are fellow citizens with the saints.” Fellow citizens of what? (Where did Paul say we are seated? Hint: check out Ephesians 2:6)

This then is our primary place of citizenship (which means that all other places of citizenship are secondary at best). Spend time and list out 20 ways this truth is to be lived out and direct the life of any follower of Jesus. Think about different areas of life: social, work, home, political, leisure, social media, etc. As you spend time listing out the differences our citizenship should have on our lives, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to live these out.

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

How Deep the Fathers Love - http://www.viewpure.com/r3Hsyuu2_i0?start=0&end=0

His Mercy is More - <http://www.viewpure.com/W5EUvOnQr4Y?start=0&end=0>

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation – Mennonite Hymnal #373

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:

Go from here having the eyes of your hearts enlightened by Christ. With these enlightened eyes may God help you to see all the kingdom possibility in the places where you live, work and play. May you grow in compassion and boldness to enter the lives of those where you live, work and play with the hope and love of Jesus.