



Dig Deeper @Home – Better Together

Complement to lesson on 01/30/22 – “Commissioned Together”

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

1. This past week did you feel more like the Road Runner or Wile E. Coyote?
2. People need to recharge after a long day. What is your preferred method of “recharging?”

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 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?
 - c. List out 10 questions that you have about this passage (no answers, just questions)
 - d. What is the passage revealing about God? About people? In light of these, what needs to change in your life?
2. In verse 7, according to the ESV Paul was made a “minister,” but that word literally means “waiter/server,” “servant of a master,” or “servant of a spiritual power.” How do these definitions possibly adjust your understanding of verse 7? How are we to understand the relationship between being a “prisoner” (v1), being a servant (v7), suffering (v13) and God’s grace/power at work within his followers (v7-13)?
3. How many times is the word “power” used in chapter 3? What does this tell us about God’s power? What is the call to action for God’s people with respect to his power?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Making God’s Wisdom Known

According to Ephesians 3:10 the church is meant to make known the manifold wisdom of God to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms. He goes on to say that “we may enter God’s presence with boldness and confidence” (v12). This sure sounds a whole lot like prayer, doesn’t it? Sounds like spiritual warfare. It sounds like lifting others up before God. And sure enough, Paul follows up by prayer in verses 14-21.

This week, spend time in prayer with others (note it’s the role of the church, God’s people gathered together) who are called to do this. Together with other believers, pray. Begin by lifting each other up in prayer, by name, using verses 14-21 as a guide. Then pray for others by name as well.

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

Build your Kingdom Here - <http://www.viewpure.com/YcSWpVKKMcs?start=0&end=0>

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

Be thou my Vision – Mennonite Hymnal #300

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, knowing that the one who can do infinitely more than all we can ask for imagine is not only with you, but His power is at work in you and through you. As you are strengthened with this power, may you boldly share the love and grace of Christ with those around you where you live, work and play.