

Dig Deeper @Home – “When Doubting Knocks”

Complement to lesson on 04/17/22 (Easter Sunday)– “Doubting Our Doubts”

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

1. Describe a time recently when you woke up very early to do something outside your normal routine.
2. Whose death (family, friend or national figure) has affected you most? Why?

MEMORIZE – Psalm 73:16-17

“But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end.

READ – Luke 24:1-12

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 about the Christian life? Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
2. How do you think the women felt when they:
 - a. Found the tomb empty? (vs. 3)
 - b. Realized two angels were standing beside them? (vs. 4)
 - c. Heard the angels’ announcement? (vss. 5-7)
 - d. What words of Jesus did the women eventually remember? (see Luke 18:31-33) What might have caused them to forget his words?
3. How did Jesus’ disciples receive the news when the women told them about the empty tomb?
4. Why would Peter want to go see for himself? What must have been going through his mind after he reached the tomb and saw that Jesus’ body was not there?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – “Listening to God - Luke 24:1-12”

As You stay and dwell on our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, return again to the reading of Luke 24:1-12. Follow these three steps as you continue to allow God’s word to form your heart and life as you follow Jesus.

1. One Word

What is one word or phrase the Holy Spirit is impressing on you? In silence meditate on that.

2. Feelings

What do you feel? What specific situation in your life today relates to this word? Write down a prayer or pray quietly.

3. Invitation

What is God’s personal invitation to you from Luke 24? You can write down what the Lord may be saying to you or a prayer of thanks. Or simply rest quietly in the Spirit’s presence. Rejoice that “He is Risen!”

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

King of Kings – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7OnfQpZr030>

Because He Lives (Amen) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nz33S4efFqQ>

O Praise the Name (Anastasis) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k1mHJYjFUx4>

Christ the Lord is Risen Today– <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cErtpg5hBSw>

Mennonite Hymnal - #179

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:

Go this week believing and trusting in the risen Jesus Christ and thus being a child of God sent to do His will. As you have been given new life through faith in the risen Christ, so may His life flow through you to others. As you have received new life, so freely share the truth about the risen Savior, Jesus, full of grace and doing good among all you will meet where you live, work and play.,