



Dig Deeper @Home – “Kingdom Apprentices”

Complement to lesson on 1/22/2023 – “The Posture of an Apprentice”

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

1. What kind of posture do you have when you sit?
2. If you could instantly receive master level skills of one thing, what would that be?

MEMORIZE – Philippians 4:9

What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me – practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

READ Philippians 1:27 – 2:11

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What sticks out to you in this passage? What did you like? What didn't you like?
2. What general observations can you make? Anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
3. What is this passage revealing about God? About us as humans?
4. In 1:27 Paul instructs the Philippians to “let their manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.”
 - a. The phrase “manner of life” literally means to “live as citizens.”
 - i. What citizenship does Paul have in mind here? Is he telling the Philippians to live as citizens of Rome? If not, citizens of what? What does this mean to Christians living in 2023?
 - b. Take time to talk about what the gospel of Christ is. (for how can we live worthy of something if we are unable to define it)
 - c. What does it mean to live worthy of the gospel (hint: Paul gives some examples in verses 27-30)
 - d. What traits of the Master (Jesus) does Paul outline for apprentices of Jesus (Christians) to pursue and grow in? (hint: look again at 2: 3-8)
 - e. What is the ultimate goal of a citizen focused on the gospel of Christ? (hint: check out 2: 10-11)

Experiential activity – Posture check

How are you doing living as an apprentice of Jesus Christ in the areas where you live, work, study and play? Use the chart below to help you. Give yourself a grade on a scale of 1-5 with 1 being “I don’t reflect Jesus at all. I do what I want” and 5 being “the student has become the master (Jesus).”

	Where you live	Where you work/study	Where you play
Standing Firm in One Spirit			
Progressing together with one mind			
Count others more significant than yourself			
Look to the interest of others			
Take the form of a servant			
Humble obedience			

Now that you worked through the chart, what would it look like to more intentionally live as apprentices of Jesus in the areas where you live, work, study and play? Spend time praying to the Holy Spirit to identify 1 or 2 areas to focus on growth and what you are going to do help foster that growth.

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

Build Your Kingdom Here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQ3EZbgeCaU>

Doxology/Amen <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J228TzIS9Co>

God of Grace and God of Glory – Mennonite Hymnal #434

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 lesson:

As you go this week, may the Holy Spirit empower you to live as apprentices worthy of the good news of our glorious King, Jesus. For the good of others, the Glory of God, and the advancement of his gospel where you live, work, study and play.