

Dig Deeper @Home – “For the Sake of His Name”

Complement to lesson on 5/21/23 – “Abounding Joy and Reigning Grace”

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

1. What is the closest you’ve come to losing your life?
2. Who was your first boss? Was this person easy to work for or a tough taskmaster?

MEMORIZE – Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

READ – Read Romans 6

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. Re-scan the text and consider...
 - a. What did the Holy Spirit cause to “jump off the page” as you read?
 - b. Is there anything you don’t understand? If so, how could you come to a better understanding? (Consult a study Bible or commentary? Ask a friend, parent, or teacher?)
 - c. What are the verses revealing about God? About people?
In light of these, what needs to change in your life? What are you already doing well?
2. In Romans 6, “death” and “died” are used many times. What is the main point the Apostle Paul is trying to make? How is the image of “baptism” a symbol of what Christ did?
3. In what ways do people become “slaves to sin.”? What does it mean to be “dead to sin”? If we are dead to sin, how is it that Christians still sin? What does it mean to practice the teaching in verses 11-14 and to become slaves to righteousness?
4. What are the two choices we have to serve? (vv.16-18) What is the result of slavery to sin? What is the benefit of slavery to God and its result?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY - Servants of Righteousness

On a scale of 1 (not very) to 10 (very) how wholeheartedly did you serve God this past week? Think back over the past week and be reminded how you acted or didn't act as God's willing servant. What could have changed in your attitudes and actions?

As you look forward to this coming week, choose one area of your life in which you will commit to being a willing servant of God. What will this commitment mean?

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

Overcome - Elevation Worship- <https://youtu.be/mvF9Hc5XZOo>

Glorious Day - Casting Crowns - <https://youtu.be/xODpgyqGCYM>

Resurrection Power - Chris Tomlin - <https://youtu.be/9Nwcr-Eys40>

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus - https://youtu.be/SC7_Vt-d3Ws

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:

As you go this week, remember that you are loved by God and called to be saints. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.