

Dig Deeper @Home – “Kingdom Mindsets”

Complement to lesson on 10/15/23 – “The Most Excellent Way”

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

1. Plato said, “Humans have never understood the power of Love, for if they had they would have surely built noble temples and altars and offered solemn sacrifices; but this is not done” showing that humans don’t understand the power of love. Do you agree or disagree? Why?

MEMORIZE – Acts 2: 38-39

And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

READ – Read 1 Corinthians 13, Colossians 3:12-4:6

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 anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared? (If so... why might that be?)
 - 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. Write out all the things that these verses say love is and what love isn’t. Some things you may have to put into your own words.
3. Take some time for honest reflection.
 - a. What attributes of love are present in your life? Where and how?
 - b. What attributes of love are missing in your life? Where and how?
4. What do these verses say love looks like in action?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – *God is Love*

If “God is love” (1 John 4:16), read 1 Corinthians 13 again inserting “The Father, Son and Holy Spirit” in place of love. What do you notice when reading it this way?

“We love because God first loved us” (1 John 4:19). Have you received the love of God for yourself? The love of God described in 1 Corinthians 13? Do you believe He loves you this way? How can you remind yourself of His love daily?

This week, remind yourself at least 3 times a day that God loves you in the way of 1 Corinthians 13. Also, share this amazing truth with 3 other people in your life where you live, work, study, play and worship.

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

Echo Holy - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pz5t7XTCxNE>

The Love of God - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iltKGT7WFDw>

Jesus Strong and Kind - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eP_2Z39IGzI

Hope has a Name - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DI-ftpLINZ8>

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 message:

Almighty God: Father, Son & Holy Spirit, thank you for your love. Help me to receive your love today. Transform me by your love. Help me to share your amazing love with all those where I live, work, study, worship and play.