

Dig Deeper @Home – “Real and Authentic”

Complement to lesson on 5/5/24 – “Removing Obstacles”

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

1. If you could go through an obstacle course, what would you pick? (for example, mine would be an American Ninja Warrior course)
2. Describe an obstacle you’ve had to overcome in life.

MEMORIZE – 2 Corinthians 12: 9-10

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

READ – 2 Corinthians 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?
 - d. What are the verses revealing about people? And in light of these, what needs to change in your life? What are you already doing well?
2. Paul appeals to the Corinthians “not to receive the grace of God in vain” (6:1). What were they doing that Paul considered a vain reception of God’s grace? (hint: look back into chapter 5).
 - a. Are you in any way receiving God’s grace in vain? If so, how? What can you do to change this?
3. Read again verses 14-18. What is Paul talking about here? Who is Belial? What is the main takeaway from this passage? How does it fit with the rest of 2nd Corinthians? How does this connect with the earlier call to “put no obstacle in anyone’s way” from verse 3?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Mouse Traps and Legos

Watch this video from the Skit Guys ... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AL2ZM0Kkt78>

Then answer this question ...

1. How did the presence of the Legos and mouse traps impact Eddie and Tommy from getting forks?
2. What are examples of obstacles that Christians have placed in people's way of salvation?
3. How have you experienced obstacles being put in your way?
4. How have you placed obstacles in others way?
5. What are ways that the people watching could have helped Tommy and Eddie?
6. How can you help remove obstacles from the lives of the people 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!)

Yet Not I, but through Christ in Me, CityAlight - <https://youtu.be/zundjUFazfg>

The Love of God - <https://youtu.be/WknJrGINyNs>

Living Hope, Wickham - <https://youtu.be/9l7llisdyMk>

King of Kings, Hillsong - <https://youtu.be/dz-AjH5xCiM>

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:

Father, we are humbled by your invitation to join you in your work of salvation. Give us bold compassion for the people where we live, work, study, play and worship and help us to be able to say like Paul, "we put no obstacle in anyone's way." More than that, Holy Spirit, empower us to journey with others and help to remove any obstacle along the way.