

Dig Deeper @Home – “Living 1st John”

Complement to lesson on 11/17/24 – “Know God’s Love”

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

1. What does “living the good life” mean to you?
2. Share a time you felt loved by another and a time you felt loved by God.

MEMORIZE – 1st John 2: 5-6

“But whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he (Jesus) walked.”

READ – 1st John 4

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. Re-scan the text and consider...
 - a. What did the Holy Spirit draw your attention to as you read?
 - b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared? (If so... why might that be?)
 - c. What in these verses is interesting? What is confusing?
 - d. What are the verses revealing about God? What are the verses saying about people?
 - e. In light of these, what needs to change in your life? What are you already doing well?
2. Read again 1 John 4:4.
 - a. Make 10 observations about this verse.

 - b. Come up with at least 3 truth statements from this verse.
3. John talks about God’s love being perfected in verses 4:12, 4:17, and 4:18. Read these verses aloud. What does it mean that God’s love is perfected? What’s the cause? What’s the result?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Confessing Jesus

Read again 1 John 4:2 and 4:15.

- a. What is being confessed in these verses?

- b. What does that confession demonstrate?

Over the past couple weeks, our country has been inundated with people confessing about others, particularly in the political realm. Whether you confessed a political candidate or not, you undoubtedly received a confession about one through a mailer, a commercial or a conversation with another. Followers of Jesus are told to confess Jesus Christ ... that He has come in the flesh and that He is God's son (God in the flesh). Are these truths you confess to others? Begin today by confessing these truths to people that you live with. Continue to do this daily. Look for opportunities to share these truths with people where you work, study, worship and play. Ask the Spirit for both boldness and wisdom in sharing these truths.

SING

Boldly I Approach - <https://youtu.be/Xx94Fg4qZr8?si=UUQMW3hp04AAMrwg>

Blessed Assurance - <https://youtu.be/6GJF1ac37II?si=2TPfqJgm0ohS1YSa>

Go tell it on the Mountain - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qwLvk1c_OyM

His Mercy is More - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5EUvOnQr4Y>

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 the Spirit of Matthew 6:10, pray also that God's "kingdom come, (His) will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Sending prayer based on the message:

Heavenly Father, you are light and in You is no darkness at all. Holy Spirit, give me strength to walk in the light as you are in the light. Thank you, Jesus, that as I walk in the light, you bring me into fellowship with others and your blood cleanses us from all sin. Help me to live in confidence, knowing that my hope is in You.