

Dig Deeper @Home – “The Gift of Hope”

Complement to sermon on 12/14/2025 – “Conquering Hope”

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

1. What comes to mind when you think of the word “conqueror?”
2. If you could fully conquer one thing in your life, what would it be?

MEMORIZE – Revelation 1: 4b-6

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

READ – Romans 8 & Revelation 4-5

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? Which of the seven churches did you most identify with?
 - b. What are the verses revealing about God?
 - c. What are the verses saying about people?
 - d. In light of these, what needs to change in your life? What are you already doing well?
2. As you scan the verses, what words/phrases/themes are consistent with what John writes in Revelation?
3. Read again Romans 8:37.
 - a. What actions in the rest of Romans 8 does Paul lay out that enables us to be more than conquerors?
 - b. What hope does John give us in Revelation 4-5 that we will be conquerors in Christ?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – A Conquering List

Make a list of things to conquer ... perhaps a task like finishing a project, cleaning your room, organizing your football cards. Maybe it's a goal like getting up early to read your bible and spend time in prayer **with the LORD** before starting your day, or reading a whole book of the bible in one sitting. Maybe it's to conquer a lie of the enemy, a sin struggle, or a long held grudge. Practice conquering in the little areas and work your way **with the Spirit** to the more difficult. Regardless, make sure you do all things with the Lord and through the strength He provides.

SING

Spend time worshipping together. Sing your own songs. Look songs up on YouTube for others to be able to sing along. Share a song that has been meaningful to you recently and talk about why. Make this time your own.

More than Conquerors - https://youtu.be/2p8_4NbrckA?si=5p-JP6aahThQy8PA

All Glory be to Christ - <https://youtu.be/8CXzPIQxkNA?si=PNCxJCTVWx45iVTy>

Hope Has a Name - https://youtu.be/WrloG6OW5Lc?si=Sn4yzNNFTJGs_gfr

To Us a Child of Hope is Born – Mennonite Hymnal #125

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iK5dULjofng>

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: Go this week, fearing not, knowing that the Living One, the First and the Last is with you enabling you to be more than conquerors in all realms of life.