

Dig Deeper @Home – “Threads”

Complement to lesson on 7/19/26 – “A Living Sacrifice”

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

1. What is the silliest or most trivial thing you’ve ever given up for a bet or a joke?
2. If you had to sacrifice one modern convenience (like coffee, smartphones, or air conditioning) for a month, which would hurt the most?

MEDITATE & MEMORIZE – John 5: 39-40

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

READ – Hebrews 13:15-16; 1 Peter 2:4-12

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?
2. What do these verses reveal about the “sacrifices” God is most concerned with?
3. According to 1 Peter 2, what process is God undertaking in the lives of believers? What does it mean to you to be part of this “spiritual house” (vs. 5)?
4. As you read 1 Peter 2:11-12, how is our new status with God to influence the way we live?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – A Sacrifice of Praise

Considering all that Jesus has done for you, begin by making a list of the reasons you have to praise Him. Then write out a “sacrifice of praise” to him reflecting on all he has done for you. If you are so inclined, put these words to music. Then ask this question of the Lord. “What sacrifice of “doing good and sharing” can we offer to God this week? Write it down and then share it with the group.

SING (or listen to)

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise – Maranatha Music - <https://youtu.be/dTJE-JnAl6M>

Praise the Name of Jesus - <https://youtu.be/Wa2yVRC7nk0>

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty – Hymnal #9 - <https://youtu.be/APVxKnENCjo>

Living Hope - Wickham <https://youtu.be/9f2FXxDVO6w>

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, for this week.

Sending prayer based on the message:

Lord Almighty, Father-Son-Holy Spirit, thank you for your mercies which are new every morning, great is your faithfulness. Fill me with thankfulness and praise for who you are and for all you have given to me. Let my life be a sacrifice of worship and praise as I offer myself to love you and to serve others as I live for you this week.