

Dig Deeper @Home – 1 John 1: 1-4 & 5: 13-15

Complement to sermon on January 3

MEMORIZE

“We love because God first loved us” (1st John 4:19)

READ

Read 1 John 1: 1-4 & 5: 13-15

Questions to ponder/discuss (1&2 are great for all, 3-8 for deeper study)

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about humanity?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?
3. Who is the author of this book? What was his relationship to Jesus?
4. What does this scripture repeat, connect, compare or contrast?
5. What does “beginning” refer to? (Hint: see Genesis 1:1 and John 1:1)
6. What are some things John would have seen, heard and experienced with Jesus?
 - a. Hint: what other books did the author of 1st John write?
7. What have you seen and heard and experienced with Jesus?
8. What does John do with what he has seen and heard from Jesus? What about you?

Bottom Line (one or two sentence summary of the scripture you just read):

Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The below are suggestions for how to experience the truths of 1st John 1:1-4. Feel free to use them or any you might come up with.

Explain the object

Materials needed: blindfolds and every-day objects

Put a blindfold on a person. After they are blindfolded, give them an object and have them explain it to the group. The person needs to say what it is they are holding, what it does and why it would be valuable for everyone to have and use one of these objects.

What is the point: This drives home the value of seeing, hearing and experiencing. We can proclaim with more passion and authenticity that which we experience first-hand.

SING (a suggested song to sing. Use this or any song you might be compelled to sing)

For the Sake of the World https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x_rhVJ-Kdw0

We proclaim what we have seen and heard for the glory of God and the good of others. In fact, according to 1st John it is how our joy becomes complete. As you sing this song, let it be a prayer asking the Holy Spirit for this to be your primary purpose as you go through your day.

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and praise reports. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to show up in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Father God, as we go, we want to see you, hear you and experience you in tangible and real ways. We pray that as we do, we would be bold in sharing this experience with those around us so that they too could experience You in their lives.