

Dig Deeper @Home – “Mighty One”

Complement to sermon on November 26, 2017 – At that Time

MEMORIZE – Zephaniah 3: 16-18

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

READ Zephaniah 3: 9-20

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?
3. In verse 9 God says that He “will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech.” Compare this with Isaiah 6: 1-7. What insights do you gain about Zephaniah 3:9 from Isaiah 6: 1-7?
4. Verse 10 goes on to say that God’s worshippers will come from beyond the river of Cush. Read Revelation 7:9-12. Compare and contrast with Zephaniah 3: 8-20
5. Verse 9 says that after their speech is changed all of them would call upon the name of the LORD. In other words, they will trust God and no longer trust in themselves. Look at the actions of your life, do they show a trust in God or trust in self? Are you ok with your answer? If not, what needs to change?
6. According to v11, God is not ashamed of us and He is removing our shame. How does that affect the way you view God? Does this make a difference in seeing God as our refuge (v12)? Why or why not?

Bottom Line – Summarize Zephaniah 3: 9-20 in your own words

EXPERIENTIAL

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The one below is a suggestion for how to experience the truths of Zephaniah 3: 9-20

Living with a Pure Speech

In the New Testament we are told to “encourage one another and build each other up” (1st Thessalonians 5:11). Put this into practice. Ask the Holy Spirit for help and then go through the day intentionally using your words to encourage others and build them up. After one day, make it two, after two, make it three. As followers of Jesus, we should be known by our pure speech so put this into practice at home, at work/school and everywhere you go.

SING (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)

[His Mercy is More](#) - Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

This song reminds of how far we fall short of the glory of God because of our sin, but God is rich in mercy and grace and His mercy is much more than our sins.

Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly – Mennonite Hymnal #585

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less – Mennonite Hymnal #558

Let us be eager to seek Christ this week.

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. It is 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 lesson:

Heavenly Father, we are humbled that you rejoice and sing over each of us. As we go this week, may we go with the assurance of your love for us in Christ Jesus. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.