

**Dig Deeper @Home – “Religious Anarchy”
Complement to sermon on 3/25/18 – “An Unlikely King”**

MEMORIZE – 1 Samuel 8:6-7

But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to judge us.” And Samuel prayed to the Lord. And the Lord said to Samuel, “Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.

READ John 1

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What does this passage from Judges reveal about God? About humanity?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life?
3. Compare/contrast John 1: 1-5 with John 1:46. How can we also respond like Nathanael did in our daily lives? How can we keep from having a dismissive attitude to Jesus? How can we respond to those around us who have dismissive attitudes to Jesus?
4. What do we know about “the light” according to John 1: 1-13? How should knowing these things affect the way we live as followers of Jesus?
5. Read verses 14-16 again. What do you notice in these verses? How are these verses calling us to live? What does it mean to have received grace upon grace?
6. Read verses 35-51 again. How many people are following Jesus by verse 51? How many of these are called by Jesus to “follow me?” How do the other’s come to follow him? As his followers, what is this directing us to do?

Summarize the John 1 in two sentences or less:

Experiential

Sharing our testimony, what God is doing/has done in our lives, is a great way of growing in our understanding of who God is and why we need him daily. Share vulnerably, knowing that as we do, God is greatly glorified for his grace and mercy and it allows others to be led into His presence and grow in their own relationship as well. Share these testimonies with a friend, your spouse, your children, or whoever the Lord brings into your week.

Testimony Time

In John 1:38, Jesus asks, "What are you seeking?" In Matthew 6:33 Jesus tells us to "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness." Tell a time when you were seeking after God and His Kingdom over anything else. What did you experience? What did it lead to? Now share a time when you were seeking something else over the Kingdom of God. How did that turn out for you? What did you learn from this? How do we keep our focus on seeking God first?

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

Your Grace is Enough, Matt Maher - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8wN-fspKg1Q>

Sing this song of praise to the God of Jacob who wrestles with our restless, sinful hearts and you lead us by still waters into mercy. Thank God for His steadfast love and mercy.

There's a wideness in God's mercy - #78 in Mennonite Hymnal

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 based on the lesson:

O God how we need Your mercy. As we seek to live for you, help us to see our own stubbornness and pride that can keep us from reconciling with those who have sinned against us. Instead, fill us with an extra measure of your grace and love to go and to forgive even as we have been forgiven. In Jesus name, Amen.