

Dig Deeper @Home – “God’s Will”

Complement to sermon on 7/15/2018 – “Fulfilling God’s Will”

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

1. What ice cream flavor best describes your personality? Why?
2. Would you rather it be always summer or always winter? Why?

MEMORIZE – 2nd Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promises as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

READ – Romans 7

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What does this passage reveal about God? About humanity?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life?
3. Read Romans 6:15-23. Paul says people are slaves. What are the two things to which people can be enslaved? How does it make you feel to be a slave? What is Paul encouraging us to be enslaved to? Why? (to answer the why, read again Romans 7:6)
4. What is Paul comparing/contrasting in Romans 7: 1-6? What is so important about this?
5. Paul personifies sin in Romans 7: 7-25. Identify and write down all the things that Paul reveals about sin.
6. Paul goes on to say that he “serves the law of God with his mind” in 7:25. What are specific things you can do this week to serve the law of God with your mind? (hint: reading Romans 8 might help)

Summarize Romans 7 in your own words.

Slaves to Law

Do any of the following activities to demonstrate how objects are “slaves” to natural laws:

1. Gravity – take any object and throw it in the air
2. Thermodynamics – heat water to boil or put water in freezer to freeze
3. Force – grab a ball (soccerball, baseball, football) and pass it back and forth

After the activity, ask if the object being acted upon had any choice on the outcome. (It didn't, it was simply responding to the actions being performed against them). Now compare this to what Paul is saying in Romans 6:19 and discuss ways to actively present your members as slaves to righteousness.

Testimony Time – Share examples of where you are growing in righteousness. Share areas you struggle and prayer for greater breakthrough in these areas.

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

Grace so Glorious - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-MVM4ss9OFo>

As you worship, reflect on God's holiness and your sinfulness and God's great love which forgives, heals and restores you.

Would you be Free – Mennonite Hymnal #555

A hymn that gives glory to God for the powerful blood of Jesus.

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:

Gracious Father, thank you for your love and patience. Be glorified in us as we grow in holiness by the power of the Holy Spirit working in us. May we become more and more transformed into the image of Jesus Christ this week. In Jesus Name, Amen.