



Dig Deeper @Home – “Living in Faithful Community”

Complement to sermon on 11/04/2018 – “The Necessary Atmosphere”

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

1. What’s your favorite thing about Thanksgiving?
2. What Thanksgiving meal item best describes you and why?

MEMORIZE – Ephesians 4: 15-16

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every point with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

READ – Read Ephesians 3

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. What does Ephesians 3 tell us about Gentiles? (hint: v6)
 - a. Who would be “Gentiles” of 2018?
 - b. How does Ephesians 3:6 give guidance for how we are to treat them?
4. In verse 10, Paul shares that the church’s role is to make known the manifold wisdom of God to the rulers and authorities of the heavenly places.
 - a. What is Paul talking about in these verses? Who are the rulers and authorities of heavenly places? How do we make things known to them? Why does it matter?
 - b. How are we qualified to do this? (hint: v11-12)
 - c. By whose strength do we accomplish this? (hint: v16)
5. In verses 14-21, Paul relates power with love. What is the connection? What does this mean for the follower of Jesus?

Summarize Ephesians 3 in your own words:

Experiential: Leveraging Social Media

Social Media is such a powerful tool and as everything can be used for good or evil. Commit this week to posting only comments that demonstrate love, even love for those who disagree with you or may be considered an enemy. Use your social media to encourage others, to point them to Jesus and to remind them how loved they truly are.

Testimony Time?

What difference has the love of Christ made in your life? When did you feel the love of Christ being shared with you from another person?

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

Proof of Your Love - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8plqE-Mxx1g>

A good song from King and Country compelling us to live lives that reflect the love of Christ.

Praise Him! Praise Him! – Mennonite Hymnal #530

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:

Creator God, thank you for new life in Christ and the community that you have placed me in. Help me this week to foster relationships that are genuine and honest, full of grace and truth. As we do, let us build places of belonging and healing. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.