



Dig Deeper @Home – “Genuine Prayer”

Complement to sermon on 2/10/2019 – “Genuine Purpose”

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

1. What is something about you that would be surprising if others found out? (For example, you may be surprised to find out that I played one season in the NHL)
2. What is one thing you have on your bucket list? If you don't currently have a bucket list, take time to come up with 5 things and then share one of them (or all of them).

MEMORIZE – Matthew 6: 9-13

Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

READ – Read Acts 10

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. How does Acts 10 show us the power of prayer in shaping people with a “Your kingdom come, Your will be done” perspective?
4. Cornelius is from Caesarea. Take time to look up other accounts from the bible about Caesarea. What do we know about this place? Is there any connection to this being the first place where it is recorded that the Holy Spirit has filled Gentiles?
5. What can you learn about or observe about prayer from Acts 10. Write down every observation you can find. Make a goal of 10 observations. If you hit that, go for 15.
6. Read again Acts 10: 28-29. In what ways are you tempted to or do live like a Jew who by law is not able to interact with Gentiles (non-jews)? What would it be like to live like Peter who no longer calls any person “common or unclean” but rather interacts “without objection?”

Experiential: Simple prayers

There are 4 words to remember to help us pray simple prayers: please, thanks, praise, sorry. These 4 words represent 4 methods of prayer: please = prayers for help. Thanks = prayers of thanksgiving. Praise = prayers of adoration and praise. Sorry = prayers of confession.

This week focus on “please”: prayers of asking God for help. Remember that our focus from this past week’s sermon was “your kingdom come, your will be done.” Use this lens for your please prayers. What do you need God to do in your life so that you more readily live for his kingdom and for his will. Eyes to see others as He does? Perhaps a heart that loves and has compassion like Him? Spend time in prayer this week and keep a journal to track how God answers your prayers.

Testimony Time

Share about experiences you have had with receiving dreams or visions from the Lord. If you can’t think of one, ask God to give you some this week and then share them.

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

Our Father - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cVqKyVW2gEE>

God of Grace and God of Glory – Mennonite Hymnal #434

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:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Help us to live in a way that is consistent and genuine to our professed faith and belief. For your glory and the good of those around us. Amen