

**Dig Deeper @Home – “The [Un]Kingdom”
Complement to sermon on 3/10/2019 – “Unexpected”**

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

1. Share a time when somebody really surprised you
2. Do you like being surprised? Why or why not?

MEMORIZE – Luke 4:18

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor

READ – Read Luke 17

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. Luke 17 is often broken into 5 sections ... v1-4, v5, v7-10, v11-19 and v20-37
 - a. Identify things that are unexpected in each of these sections. Spend time discussing why it’s unexpected and even share what you would expect
4. Read again verses 11-19. Who were the Samaritans? How would an original audience respond to the Samaritan being the one who came back to thank and worship Jesus? Why does Luke include this in the narrative?
5. Read again verses 20-37. While some may be tempted to believe this is talking about “the rapture” it most likely is not.
 - a. What then is it talking about? (hint: all of chapter 17 is connected. If no answer is coming, read the chapter again and spend time in prayer asking the Holy Spirit to reveal the answer to you)
 - b. What is the teaching Jesus is conveying to His followers?
 - c. What must we be ready to do?

Experiential: Unexpected

God's Kingdom is unexpected ... it shows up at unexpected times, it acts in unexpected ways. This week, do unexpected things for the people in your life ... whether at home, at work, at school, in your neighborhood. When they ask why you did what you did, relate it back to God's Kingdom being unexpected and share a story about when Jesus did something unexpected.

Testimony Time

Share about a time that God showed up in an unexpected way.

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

Build your Kingdom Here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcSWpVKKMcs>

A Mighty Fortress is our God – Mennonite Hymnal #325

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:

Father, your ways are not our ways and your thoughts are not our thoughts. But we ask that in your mercy and grace and by the power of you Holy Spirit, align our ways to your ways and our thoughts to your thoughts. Give us courage this week to share your unexpected grace, love and mercy as we go. Amen.