



**Dig Deeper @Home – “The [Un]Kingdom”  
Complement to sermon on 4/7/2019 – “Unfazed”**

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

1. Have a thumb-war tournament with all present (if alone, have one this week when you are with others)
2. Share three things you are thankful for this week. Share 3 things you are excited about.

**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 Matthew 16**

**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 again Matthew 16: 21-23
  - a. What is Jesus' statement?
  - b. What is Peter's response?
  - c. Why does Jesus call Peter a stumbling block?
  - d. What human concerns do you have that block out God's concerns?
    - i. How can you remember and remind yourself of God's concerns in the midst of human concerns that come along?
4. Read again Matthew 16: 24-28
  - a. What does it take to be a disciple of Jesus?
  - b. How do you live this out in your life?
  - c. What are ways Jesus is calling you to live this out in new ways?

### **Experiential: Focusing on the concerns of God**

Begin each day this week reciting Luke 4:18. Say it before every meal during your prayer and recite it again each night before you go to bed. Each time, ask the Holy Spirit to live this out in your life. On Saturday, reflect on your week. Did reciting this scripture cause any difference in thought, speech or action? Was your week any different? If so, in what ways? Make observations and spend time giving glory and praise to God for the week He gave you.

### **Testimony Time**

Share a time when the concerns of man shadowed the concerns of God in your life. Did the Holy Spirit do anything to bring His concerns back in the foreground?

### **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.