



Dig Deeper @Home – “The [Un]Kingdom”

Complement to sermon on 4/28/2019 – “Uninterested & Unimpressed”

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

1. If you had a day to do whatever you wanted, what would you do?
2. If you had a day to do whatever you wanted (and money was not an issue), what would you do?

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 18

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. Chapter 18 begins with two passages on prayer
 - a. What is the main point of verses 1-8? (hint: v1)
 - i. What keeps you from praying with persistence?
 - ii. What causes you to lose heart when praying?
 - b. What is the main point of verses 9-14? (hint: v14)
 - i. Which posture of prayer do you most resemble when praying? The Pharisee or the tax collector?
 - ii. How can your posture be more like the tax collector?
4. In verses 15-17, children are trying to get near to Jesus
 - a. What is the disciples’ response?
 - b. How does Jesus respond to the disciples?
 - c. What does it look like to receive the Kingdom like a child? (hint: keep reading)
 - i. Luke gives three examples of what it looks like. Read each of these accounts and summarize what it means to receive the Kingdom like a child
 1. Luke 18: 18-30
 2. Luke 18: 35-43
 3. Luke 19: 1-10

Experiential: Receiving the Kingdom

Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it. These are the words of Jesus to his disciples and the crowd around them. This week, practice receiving the kingdom of God each day like a child. Use your summaries from one of three accounts that Luke records (Luke 18: 18-30, Luke 18: 35-43, Luke 19: 1-10) or rotate through them all. Whatever you choose to do, practice receiving the Kingdom of God as a child. Begin with a week but really the goal is to let this become a rhythm for your life.

Testimony Time

What difference does the resurrection of Jesus Christ make in your daily life? Talk about this.

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.