



## **Dig Deeper @Home – “Everyday Faith”**

### **Complement to sermon on 9/15/2019 – “Extending Encouragement”**

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

1. Share highs and lows of the past week.
2. Share a cross-cultural experience you have had

#### **MEMORIZE – Colossians 4: 2-6**

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison – that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

#### **READ Acts 15**

##### **Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. What sticks out to you in this passage?
2. What questions do you have after reading chapter 15?
3. What did you like? What didn't you like?
4. What general observations can you make? Anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
5. What is this passage revealing about God?
6. What is it revealing about us as humans?
7. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?

## **Experiential - B.E.L.L.S.**

If you are a follower of Jesus, you have been empowered and entrusted to lead others to know Him. But how to do that? A simple acronym will direct you: BELLS.

B - Bless – This week, bless 3 other people. One from Finland, one not from Finland and one of your choice.

E – Eat – This week, eat a meal with 3 other people. One from Finland, one not from Finland and one of your choice.

L – Learn – Learn about Jesus by reading a gospel, read a book about him or watch a movie about him.

L – Listen – Spend 15 minutes once this week in quiet listening to the Holy Spirit.

S – Send – Reflect on your week as you bless, eat, learn and listen. Where did you share Jesus? Where could you have?

Each week, repeat these 5 actions and as you do, remember that you have been empowered and entrusted by God Himself to live them out.

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

Goodness of God - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-f4MUUMWMV4>

Come, Let us all Unite – Mennonite Hymnal #528

## **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 God, be glorified as we go this week in the power of your Holy Spirit to speak words of encouragement and life to all we encounter.