

Dig Deeper @Home – “Faithful One”
Complement to sermon on 12/8/2019 – “Love”

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

1. As a child, what was your favorite time of day? Day of the week? Season of the year?
2. Who do you look forward to seeing around Christmas?

MEMORIZE – 2nd Thessalonians 1:11

To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power

READ - Matthew 24:36-51

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What sticks out to you in this passage?
2. What did you like? What didn't you like?
3. What general observations can you make about the return of Christ? Anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
4. In what ways is the Flood like the second coming of Christ? What does it mean, practically to be ready for Jesus' return if we do not know when he will come?
5. In view of Christ's second coming, what does the story of the faithful and wise servant teach you about readiness? About stewardship? Responsibility for serving and witnessing to others?
6. Over what has God given you stewardship? How are you doing with that?

EXPERENTIAL EXPERIENCE

Getting Ready for Guests

Take some time to consider who you could invite to your home for the Christmas holidays. Then as you prepare for the guests, think about what you are doing to intentionally get ready for guests to come. Think about how this compares to being ready for Jesus to return. What kind of activities would we be doing to prepare for Jesus return.

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

O Praise the Name (Anastasis) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DnrGTDW0lrk>

Come, thou long expected Jesus – Mennonite Hymnal #115

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:

As you go this week, may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord, Father, Son & Holy Spirit, be with you.