

Dig Deeper @Home – “Coincidence?”

Complement to lesson on 06/07/2020 – “Daring to Risk”

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

1. What’s the first word that comes to mind when you hear the word “beach”?
2. Would you rather take a swim through shark infested water or take a jog through wolf infested woods?

MEMORIZE – Esther 4: 15-16

Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai, “Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish.”

READ Esther 5

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What sticks out to you in this passage? What did you like? What didn’t you like?
 - a. What general observations can you make? Anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
2. What is this passage revealing about God? About us as humans?
3. Compare and contrast the 2 accounts of Esther preparing for and seeing the king. The first is found in Esther 2: 12-18. The second is Esther 4:15 – 5:2
4. Haman has everything going for him in chapter 5 (at least he thinks he does). However, when he sees Mordecai, what is his response?
 - a. Why he is unable to enjoy all the things he boasts about?
 - b. In what ways can you relate to Haman, having so much yet feeling unsatisfied?
 - c. Read Philippians 4: 10-13. What does Paul share here that enable us to overcome our answer to 4b?
5. In light of these revealed truths, what changes might you need to make, and how do you feel you are being called to put this into action?

Experiential activity – The King’s Response

Esther approaches King Ahasuerus on his throne, uninvited, knowing his response would be the difference between life and death. He extends his golden scepter to her, expressing his pleasure with her and then asks for her request. He offers her anything, up to half his kingdom if she so desires. We too have a King we can approach, a King who will receive us and hear our requests. Read Hebrews 10: 19-25 and 13: 1-19. Now spend time with God in the Most Holy Place. Draw near to God in prayer, asking Him to show you where and how you can live out Hebrews 13 this week and also what might be blocking you from living this out and where you need to make room for Him to work in your life.

SING (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)

Boldly I Approach - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4QDnVD7gu5Y>

Make Room - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gCkzLtJ3WlU>

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GrJ3WKNeERA>

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:

Go this week, having been changed by the presence of God. Go this week, in the power of the Holy Spirit, ready to risk for the Kingdom of God and serve those around you. Go with these on your lips, “Here am I, send me.” Go this week, affecting and infecting the world with the love of Christ.