

Dig Deeper @Home – "Stories that Transform" Complement to lesson on 07/26/2020 – "Knocking at Midnight"

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

- 1. Are you quick to do it yourself or quick to ask for help?
- 2. Would you rather buy new or borrow from a friend?

MEMORIZE – Luke 9: 34-35

As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him!"

READ Luke 11

Questions to ponder/discuss:

- 1. What sticks out to you in this passage? What did you like? What didn't you like?
- 2. What general observations can you make? Anything repeated, contrasted, or compared?
- 3. What is this passage revealing about God? About us as humans?
- 4. Jesus tells a group of Pharisees that they are fools in verse 40.
 - a. Why are they fools?
 - b. What would need to change to not be fools?
 - c. According to this, would Jesus call you a fool?
- 5. Jesus follows up calling the Pharisees fools by declaring 6 woes in verses 42-52.
 - a. What are these 6 woes?
 - b. How did the Pharisees respond?
 - c. As the reader, which woe(s) speaks to you?
 - d. How will you respond? Transform or reject?
 - i. If transform, how will you live differently?

Experiential activity – "Knocking on God's Door"

Jesus' disciples see him praying and ask him a simple request: teach us to pray. Luke records his response in 11: 2-4 which many people call The Lord's Prayer. The experiential activity this week is simple yet powerful. Begin every day by praying the words in Luke 11: 2-4. Do it by yourself, with your spouse or with your family. What matters isn't who you do it with, but that you commit to doing it. For an even more immersive experience, pray these words throughout the day at set times such as 6am, 9am, 12pm, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm and 12am (this way you are literally knocking at midnight).

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

As it is in Heaven - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=17nU_R-4Rwo</u> Build your Kingdom Here - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcSWpVKKMcs</u> Transformers - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Y1Kne1xi3c</u> Be Thou my Vision – Mennonite Hymnal #300

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 Holy Spirit transform you in all situations to look more like Jesus. May He guide you in word, deed and thought for the glory of God and the good of others.