

## Dig Deeper @Home – “Stories that Transform”

### Complement to lesson on 08/16/2020 – “How to Truly Better Yourself”

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

1. Which of the following mantras best describes you?
  - a. “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it” or “If it ain’t broke, break it (and make it better)”
  - b. “Rules are made to be followed” or “rules are made to be broken”
  - c. “No pain no gain” or “if it hurts, don’t do it”

#### 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 13

##### 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, or compared?
2. What is this passage revealing about God? About us as humans?
3. There is much thought about Sabbath for Christians today. What can we learn about Sabbath from Luke 13: 10-17?
  - a. What was Jesus doing in the synagogue?
  - b. Why was the synagogue leader so upset that Jesus healed the woman?
    - i. Because he was upset, what was the synagogue leader blind to?
    - ii. When have you ever responded negatively to seeing someone “work” on the Sabbath?
  - c. How did Jesus respond and what does He point out?
  - d. How does this account connect to the parable for the need to repent in Luke 13: 1-9?
  - e. What does this mean for the follower of Jesus in 2020?
4. Read again Luke 13: 31-35.
  - a. How does Jesus say that people (Jerusalem) responded to prophets and those sent to them?
  - b. What does this cause Jesus to do?
  - c. What is your response when someone in your life rejects the truth of God that you are sharing?
  - d. What would be different if our response was weeping?
  - e. How does this connect back to the parable of repentance in Luke 13: 1-9?

## **Experiential activity – “Honoring the Sabbath Jesus Style”**

Jesus created quite the stir in his day by doing good on the Sabbath. Yet in Luke 13:17, it says that “all his adversaries were put to shame” meaning what the Pharisees believed and taught did not hold up against the truth that Jesus lived out. What is that truth? Doing good on the Sabbath is not in violation of keeping the Sabbath. So, this week, plan on doing good for others on Sunday (which is when we typically recognize Sabbath). Do something good for your parents or children, your siblings, your neighbor, a friend, even someone who might be a rival or an enemy.

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

Kindness - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SidOp4dmj6k>

Transformers - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Y1Kne1xi3c>

God, Be Merciful to Me – Mennonite Hymnal #238 –

(Contemporary version by Jars of Clay - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7EUg4E7adq0>)

## **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 blessing based on the lesson:**

You have met for worship, go forth to witness.

You have met to hear the word of God, go forth to share that word.

You have met as God’s people, go forth as Christ’s body.