

Dig Deeper @Home – “Immature”

Complement to lesson on 10/4/2020 – “A Mature Perspective”

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

1. What are you looking forward to most about Fall?
2. Do prefer working with others or by yourself, and why?

MEMORIZE – Philippians 1: 9-11

And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

READ Philippians 1

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? Compared?
3. What is this passage revealing about God? About us as humans?
4. Paul opens with “grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Read John 14:27. What do we learn about this peace that comes from the Lord Jesus Christ?
5. Paul refers to the Philippians as partners in 1:5. Think about a business. Think about and discuss examples of a “partner.”
 - a. Based on your life, do you look like a “partner” in the gospel with Paul? If so, how?
 - b. If not, what needs to change to live as a partner in the gospel where you live, work and play?

Experiential activity – Partnering in Prayer

One way we can partner with Paul in the gospel is to spend time in prayer. This week, spend time each day praying for the people where you live, work and play. Pray for them by name and use Philippians 1:9-11 as an outline and guide. Then spend time each day praying for you. Using Philippians 1:8 as a guide ask God to give you a heart like Paul for the people where you live, work and play. Enjoy this time in prayer and then go through your day expecting God to answer these prayers in powerful ways.

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

The Passion <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KWonUVd0WhI>

Worthy of it All <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ywoMeuutuc4>

Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dPXapfFfesA>

As the Flower Within the Seed <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aHkk6lRRBsE>

(Mennonite Hymnal #568)

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 cause your love to abound more and more, with all knowledge and discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent and be filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, for the good of those around you and to the glory and praise of God. Amen.