

Dig Deeper @Home – “Immature”

Complement to lesson on 11/01/2020 – “A Mature Confidence”

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

1. What is your favorite hobby?
2. If you could have one skill downloaded into you, what skill would you choose 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 3: 1-11

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? Compared?
(hint: how many times do you see joy/glad or send? What is this saying?)
3. What is this passage revealing about God? About us as humans?
4. Paul says that the true circumcised “worship by the Spirit of God” (Phil 3:3)
 - a. Read John 4: 1-26. How do the words of Philippians 3:3 align with the words of Christ to the Samaritan woman?
 - b. Why was this such a liberating truth to the Samaritan woman? (hint: women would not normally get water at the 6th hour unless they were deemed outcasts)
5. Paul says that the true circumcised “glory in Christ Jesus” (Phil 3:3)
 - a. What does this phrase mean?
 - b. Take time to reflect – who or what do you glory in? If people only knew you by what you talk about, what would they say you glory in? If people only knew you by what you watch or read, what would they say you glory in? If people only knew you by what you posted about on social media, what would they say you glory in?
 - c. How can you “glory in Christ Jesus” more in your day where you live, work and play?

Experiential activity – Gains & Losses

Paul contrasts living with confidence in Christ and living with confidence in the flesh (or self). He talks about how things he once considered to be a gain or now considered a loss. And new things are considered gains. Fill out the below t-charts. One will be from the perspective of a person who puts their confidence in their flesh (themselves) and one from the perspective of a person who puts their confidence in Christ. Then honestly compare these to your own life. What “gains” might you need God’s help in seeing as loss? What “losses” have you given up for Christ? Where are you doing well and where do you need more growth from the Holy Spirit?

Confidence in Flesh		Confidence in Christ	
Gain	Loss	Gain	Loss

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

To Live is Christ - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pXL0dTzK5mc>

Philippians Rap - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Rny8qet-IQ>

When I Survey – Mennonite Hymnal #167

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 you experience the surpassing excellence of knowing Christ Jesus as Lord and may you overflow with joy that leads others to experience and know Him as well.