

Dig Deeper @Home – “Immature”

Complement to lesson on 11/22/2020 – “From Immature to I’m Mature”

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

1. Share a high and a low from this past week.
2. What is your favorite Thanksgiving tradition?

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 4

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. Look again at the list Paul shares in Philippians 4:8. Take time and define each adjective Paul uses in describing the things we should think about. Analyze your own thoughts. Do you think consistent with how Paul urges us to think? What would help you grow in this area? For further study, take a look at this video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rfhGXEZ3_CE
5. Paul uses all-encompassing words throughout chapter 4 such as all, always, every.
 - a. Find each of these occurrences and then spend time considering the implications of these phrases.
 - b. Then analyze your own life in light of these phrases.
 - c. Feeling a little inadequate? So am I ... read again Philippians 4:19 and spend time dwelling on the promise in light of your inadequacy

Experiential activity – “Simon Says ... Paul Says”

Spend time playing Simon Says with others. Talk about the game using these questions.

1. Is it enough to simply hear what Simon says?
2. Is it enough to simply watch what Simon does?
3. How does this apply to what Paul tells us in Philippians 4:9?

Now play Paul says. Go back to the beginning of Philippians read it all the way through. As you do, write down the commands and directions he shares with the followers of Jesus in Philippi. This week, put these things into practice.

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

God with Us - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=udJiT-LMnIs>

Here's my Heart - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hKb_iOCOPY

Rejoice, the Lord is King – Mennonite Hymnal #184 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oh0BYrdd-8o>

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, put into practice those things you have learned, received and heard and as you do may the peace of God and the God of peace be powerfully present in you, with you and around you. Amen.