

## **Dig Deeper @Home – “Kingdom People” (Advent) Complement to lesson on 12/6/2020 “Love”**

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

1. What is your favorite book of the Bible?
2. What is your favorite book apart from the Bible? How do each of your favorites turn out in the end?

### **MEMORIZE – Jeremiah 32:38-40**

And they shall be my people and I will be their God. I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them. I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me.

### **READ Jeremiah 30**

#### **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. Read again Jeremiah 30:3. How does the book of Nehemiah help us to understand the fulfillment of God's promise of restoration and return to the land given in this verse? (Read Nehemiah 1-3)
5. Read verses 8-9. What is the significance of the promise of God raising up “David their king”? Compare this with Jeremiah's prophecy in Jeremiah 23:5. Also, how is this promise spoken to and fulfilled in Luke 1:68-72; Acts 2:29-35 in the person of Jesus?
6. Read verses 23-24. How is God's promise to bring judgment on the wicked strangely encouraging? What does Jeremiah mean by the “latter days?” (cf. Hosea 3:5; Micah 4:1)

### **Experiential activity – “Fear Not!”**

Jeremiah 30 is part of what is often referred to as the “Book of Consolation.”(Jeremiah 30-33) God is speaking through Jeremiah to the people telling them not to fear or to be afraid because He would come to save them. (Jeremiah 30:10-11) God tells us in the Bible more than 365 times “not to fear” or to “be afraid.” In the midst of the doubt and fears swirling around us, for the next 20 days leading up to Christmas, look for one scripture a day where God says “do not fear” or “do not be afraid.” Here are a few to give you a head start. (Mark 6:50, Isaiah 41:10, Isaiah 43:1, Joshua 1:9.

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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=%23OComeEmmanuel](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=%23OComeEmmanuel)

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus (Mennonite Hymnal #115)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0dmO8UPIWoo>

### **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:**

Gracious and loving God, as I go into this day, help me to be true to you in every way. Jesus help me to give myself away to others, being kind to everyone I meet. Holy Spirit help me to love the lost, proclaiming Christ in all I do and say. Amen,