

Dig Deeper @Home – “Kingdom People” Complement to lesson on 12/13/2020 – “Joy”

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 thing to do in the snow?

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 31

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 Hebrews 12: 18-24. What connections do you see between this passage and Jeremiah 31?
5. Jeremiah 31: 31-34 is one of the most significant passages in Jeremiah. It is quoted in Hebrews 8: 8-13 and 10: 15-17 and alluded to a number of times ... Matt 26:28, Mark 14:24, Luke 22:20, 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26, 2 Corinthians 3:3&6, Hebrews 7:22.
 - a. Take time to look all of these up and reflect on the importance of each
 - b. What is each verse saying about the new covenant?

Experiential activity – “Communion”

Read Jeremiah 31: 31-34 as well as Luke 22: 14-20. Take time and point out the promises that God makes in these verses and how Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment. Take communion together receiving these promises and thanking Jesus for making it possible. Finish by spending time worshiping God together using the songs below or whatever God may lay on your hearts.

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

Glory (Let there be Peace) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QW4c6DcxgGc>

Angels we Have Heard on High – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8V7sLV2uqls>

Mennonite Hymnal #127

Joy to the World (Joyful, Joyful) – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sqClglz1jLY>

Mennonite Hymnal #122

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:

Go from here rejoicing in Christ. As you encounter a needy world, may you do your part to make the rough places smooth, so those around us will see God’s saving work. Amen.