

**Dig Deeper @Home – “Cultivating Heavenly Possibilities”
Complement to lesson on 01/03/2020 – “On Earth as in Heaven”**

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

1. What do you think of when you hear the word heaven?
2. What is your favorite New Year’s tradition?

MEMORIZE – Matthew 7: 24-25

Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

READ Matthew 6:5 – 7:29

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. List all the things Jesus says to do (or not to do) in these verses. Which ones do you need God’s help in living out more regularly in the places you live, work and play?
5. Read again Matthew 21-23. Who will enter the kingdom? What is the connection between doing and knowing?

Experiential activity – “New Year’s Bible Doing Plan”

All too often, we begin the New Year eager to complete another bible reading plan. This is a noble goal indeed. Unfortunately, many who start it never finish while some who finish only accomplish one thing: reading the bible. Though this may be a good start, it is unfinished. This year, focus instead on a Bible Doing plan. What does this mean? Well, read James 1: 22-25.

The simple summary is this: Be doers of God’s word. So, when it comes to God’s word, be like Nike ... just do it. This year, let’s be intentional in doing God’s word. If this means reading less so you can apply more, than do it.

Read Matthew 6:5 – 7:29 each day this week. What word of God do you need to put into action? Do it today. Be known as a person who not only hears God’s word, but does it as well!

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

Boldly I Approach - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4QDnVD7gu5Y>

Build your Kingdom Here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcSWpVKKMcs>

When we Walk with the Lord – Mennonite Hymnal #577

Fuego - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0lo3nPOcRXg>

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:

Now may God who has begun a good work in you, continue to work in you his perfect will, making you more like Christ, so that you may fulfill God’s purpose with joy and have a sense of his presence with you as you live out God’s word in the places you live, work and play.