

## **Dig Deeper @Home – “Cultivating Heavenly Possibilities” Complement to sermon on 01/24/2021 – “Comforting”**

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

1. What’s the first thing that comes to mind with the word “comfort”?
2. Would you rather be stuck in a musical or a Hallmark movie?

### **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 2 Corinthians 1: 1-7**

#### **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 verses 3-4.
  - a. What is significant about Paul referring to God as “the Father of all mercies and God of all comfort?”
  - b. Verse 4 has the phrase, “so that.” This is a purpose statement indicating the expected outcome in response to what was said before. What was said before and what is the expected outcome? How are you living this out in your own life?
5. Read Revelation 7: 9-17. What words of comfort do you notice in these verses? How can you be ambassadors for these things in the places you live, work and play?

### **Experiential activity – “Comforted to Comfort”**

Paul tells the believers in Corinth very clearly that they have experienced the comfort of God so that they can be a source of comfort to others. With this in mind, begin each day this week asking the Holy Spirit to increase your awareness of people who need comforted in the places you live, work and play. As you go through your day, look for opportunities to share the comfort of our Heavenly Father with those around you.

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

Great are you Lord - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3jCnAAeEJSQ>

I Belong to Jesus - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zHu2q\\_1RhQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zHu2q_1RhQ)

When we Walk with the Lord – Mennonite Hymnal #577

Come to the Altar - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ycWDFd0yCHA>

### **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 as Ambassadors for Christ. May you be filled with the knowledge of God’s will in all wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of our Lord. May the Holy Spirit strengthen you with the love of God to bear fruit as you extend the comfort of God in the places you live, work and play.