

Dig Deeper @Home – “Jesus Alone”

Complement to lesson on 09/19/21 – “Come and See”

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

1. Have you ever seen a live magician? If so, what was it like experiencing their tricks in person?
2. Finish this sentence: If I could go and see anything, I would want to see ...

MEMORIZE – John 5: 39-40

“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.”

READ – John 1: 19-46

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What does the Holy Spirit draw your attention to as you read these passages?
What sticks out to you?
 - a. What general observations can you make about the Christian life? Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
2. In response to be asked, “Who are you?” John responds by quoting Isaiah 40:3. Go back and read Isaiah 40: 1-5
 - a. What is exciting about John quoting Isaiah?
 - b. How did those who were sent by the Pharisees respond to John? (hint: v24-25)
 - c. What connection was John hoping these people would make which happens to be the same connection the author John wants his readers to make? (hint: compare John 1: 26-27 with Isaiah 40:5)
 - d. What conclusions are we to make about Jesus from this connection?
3. Read again John 1: 29-34.
 - a. According to these verses, what does John know and see about Jesus?
 - b. What does John do with what he knows and sees about Jesus? (hint: v34)
 - c. How are you being a witness to what you know and see about Jesus?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Be a Witness

Pick one of the following. Make sure it is one you know little about and without doing any research spend 3-5 minutes telling someone else about it:

- Old Faithful, the lifecycle of the monarch butterfly, Ruby Bridges, water skiing

Now, spend some time researching your topic. Read some articles. Watch some videos. Go back again to the person you talked to and tell them what you know. Ask them the following questions:

- Which time was more informative?
- Which time was more engaging?

Now, think about being a witness to Jesus to the people where you live, work and play. When talking about Jesus, do you feel like He is someone you know a couple things about (like the first time giving your presentation) or do you feel like He is someone you know well? What can you do to get to know Jesus better this week?

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>

King of Heaven - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5h8laPe1NVM>

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YqWilp_KLUc

O Word of God Incarnate – Mennonite Hymnal #219 –

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

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 blessing:

Go this week believing in Jesus and thus being a child of God sent to do His will. As you have received grace in abundance so offer grace in abundance. As you have received the truth so freely share the truth, freely and full of grace with all those you meet where you live, work and play.