

Dig Deeper @Home – “Jesus Alone”

Complement to lesson on 09/26/21 – “The Ladder That Matters”

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

1. When you were younger what did you “dream” about doing at some point in your life?
2. What are some recurring dreams you can remember having? Have you ever had any dreams where you felt God was guiding you?

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 1:47-51

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. How do these passages point us to Jesus?
3. What is implied when Jesus says to Nathanael in vs. 48 and 50, “I saw you under a fig tree.” What is the significance of the “fig tree?” (Cf. Micah 4:4; 1 Kings 4:25; Zechariah 3:10) What might this imply about Nathanael’s character?
4. Read Genesis 28: 10-22. In this portion of scripture, we read about “Jacob’s ladder.” What do you think it meant for Jacob to see angels ‘ascending and descending’ on a ladder? Why was Jacob running away? What did he see in his dream? What did Jacob say? Do?
5. Read vs 51 again. What is the significance of Jesus referring to himself as the “Son of Man?” (Cf. Daniel 7:13,14; Matthew 26:64; Mark 2:10-11, 8:31)

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Decide To Live For God Each Day

It is not enough that we put our faith in Christ. We need to show that our faith is real through the life transformation that comes with our faith in Christ. Each day of this week, determine in some specific way, to intentionally draw near to God, reading his word and living according to it.

One exercise to engage in would be to start and end your day with the Lord. When you wake up, decide to have a Quiet Time of prayer and reading a Psalm or another portion of scripture before checking your phone, exercising, eating breakfast, or bathing. Then, right before you go to sleep, say a prayer of thanksgiving and asking forgiveness for the sins you have committed during the day.

Transformation comes daily as we choose to turn to God, listen to His word and then follow His commands and leading, all the while, rejoicing in his love and His presence with us.

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

Way Maker – Michael W. Smith - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SE_M9noEhNE

King of King – Hillsong - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Of5lcFWiEpg>

Nearer, My God to thee – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I5WLZAVKB88>

Mennonite Hymnal #289

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 series:

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.