

Dig Deeper @Home – “Deep Longings”
Complement to lesson on 12/26/21 – “Tell”

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

1. What was your high and low from 2021? What are you most looking forward to about 2022?
2. What is your favorite Christmas/Advent song?

MEMORIZE – 1 Thessalonians 1: 9-10

“... how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come”

READ – Isaiah 42: 10-25

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What does the Holy Spirit draw your attention to as you read these passages?
 - a. What sticks out to you?
 - b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
 - c. How about anything you don't understand? Can anyone gathered (or someone you know) help provide clarity?
2. How do these verses bear witness about Jesus?
3. What is the connection of verses 18, 19, and 25? What is the point of these verses? What do they reveal about people?
4. Read again v23. Is this simply a question that was meant for the original audience or one that is meant for all audiences for all time? If only for the original audience, why? If for all audiences for all times (which includes you and me) how are you going to answer this with your own life?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Declare His praise

Take time and think about what God has done recently in your life. Look back on 2021 and consider ways God moved in your life. After thinking about these things, write them down so that you can share them with others. Maybe you want to write a poem or a song like Isaiah exhorts us to “sing a new song.” Whatever way you decide to record them, start praying for opportunities to share them with others where you live, work and play. Start with those where you live. Share some of these God stories with them. Then look for opportunities to share them with classmates, coworkers, neighbors, friends and family. Let’s declare the praises of God.

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

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

Go Tell it on the Mountains - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DdbQ86SYm00>

Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lZeJKsko14E>

What Child is This - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6jroBAI3WW8>

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:

As we have freely received his hope, peace, joy and love, let us now freely share His hope, peace, joy and love with others. May we leave from here eager and ready to share the Good News of Jesus where we live, work and play in action and word.