

Dig Deeper @Home – Better Together

Complement to lesson on 01/16/22 – “Chosen Together”

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

1. What universe would you love to spend a week in? (For example, I would love to spend a week in the Fablehaven universe ... a series of books written by Brandon Mull.)
2. What is a crazy food combination that you really like? (For example, I used to love mustard on kraft macaroni and cheese)

MEMORIZE – Ephesians 4: 11-13

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ

READ – Ephesians 1

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?
 - d. What is the passage revealing about God? About people? In light of these, what needs to change in your life?
2. In v15, Paul says he has “heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints.” Share your faith in Jesus with those around you ... who is Jesus to you? How do you live this out? And what evidence is there in your life that you have love toward all the saints?
3. Read Psalm 8 and take particular notice to verses 4-6. How does Paul use this Psalm and bring it back to Jesus?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 4: 4-6. How is this connected to Ephesians 1 particularly 1:18?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Power Prayers

Ephesians 1 ends with Paul praying a powerful prayer for the saints at Ephesus. The NET words it this way, “I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory may give you spiritual wisdom and revelation in your growing knowledge of him, since the eyes of your heart have been enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of his calling, what is the wealth of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the incomparable greatness of his power toward us who believe”. Each day, spend time praying this prayer for other saints at Finland. Begin with those in your own house (including yourself!). Then move on to others from the Finland Faith Family. Let’s lift each other up by name and watch what God does as we do.

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

Shifting Shadows - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RexbVnvz5bE>

Living Hope - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ifFovH-dhHw>

Jesus, with thy Church Abide – Mennonite Hymnal #379

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 from here having the eyes of your hearts enlightened by Christ. With these enlightened eyes may God help you to see all the kingdom possibility in the places where you live, work and play. May you grow in compassion and boldness to enter the lives of those where you live, work and play with the hope and love of Jesus.