

Dig Deeper @Home – Better Together

Complement to lesson on 02/20/22 – “Walking Together”

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

1. What is your favorite picnic game? (e.g. water balloon toss, horseshoes, etc.)
2. Name a place you enjoy visiting that you love to share with other people.

MEMORIZE – Ephesians 5:1-2

¹ Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

READ – Ephesians 5

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. Identify 10 questions you have about these verses
Example question: Were Christians in Ephesus actively walking as Gentiles?
 - d. What is the passage revealing about God? About humanity?
In light of these, what might God be calling you to do?
2. Paul leads off by telling the believers to follow God’s example and walk in the way of love.
 - a. What are some easy ways we can do this?
 - b. What actions demonstrate God’s love, but prove to be hard to practice?
 - c. In looking at verses 3-14, how do the actions Paul mentions serve to undermine our life in Christ and our witness for him?
3. At verse 18, Paul gives this straight-forward word, “be filled with the Spirit.” What is that contrasted with? How do we live “filled with the Spirit?”

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Words of Encouragement

Maybe you look at verses 19 and 20 and say, “I am not singing to anyone at all!”

What is the point of speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs?

As believers, our words can be used to remind people of God’s love and his path, encourage people to live in the Lord’s ways, and prompt them to words of thanksgiving and blessing as well.

Who is one person who needs encouragement this week?

Take a moment and ask the Lord to bring a person to mind. When the Lord does this, do not be surprised by the person’s name, but simply offer that person a word of encouragement by phone call or note. Remind them that we walk together in Christ and this is one way we show we are walking together.

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=hpb02shcAis>
- Spirit of the Living God - <https://youtu.be/ZPZrxZgQjrg>
- I Surrender All - <https://youtu.be/kfQm6o4V1SI>
- Breathe On Me, Breath of God – Mennonite Hymnal #216

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 message:

May the Lord who gave us his Spirit to fill us and empower us now go with us. May he enable us to walk in the light of his love, to choose light over darkness, sweet words over salty, and wise actions over foolish ones. May he show us what the Lord’s will is and may we then choose to live into his power and plan.