

Dig Deeper @Home – Word on the Street
Complement to lesson on 05/29/22 – “#OnKey”

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

1. What day of the year can you hardly wait for?
2. What long-awaited “prize” was worth the wait? (obtaining your driver’s license, paying off your mortgage, going on a “bucket-list” trip, etc.)

MEMORIZE – Acts 17: 6-7

... “These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus.”

READ – Acts 1:1-14

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 from the verses you read
 - d. What is the passage revealing about God? About people? In light of these, what needs to change in your life?
2. Read the additional account of the Ascension of Jesus found in Luke 24:50-53. What more do we understand about Jesus’s last words to his followers? What else does he do for them?
 - a. Why do the disciples react so differently when Jesus is taken away now (vv. 50-53) compared to when he was taken away by his death on the cross (vs. 46)?
 - b. What was the reason for their “great joy”? According to Luke, what did they do when they returned to Jerusalem?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – “Game With Minutes”

In Luke’s account of the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, he writes, “they worshiped Jesus and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.”(Acts 24:52,53)

Frank Laubach was a missionary to Muslims in a remote location in the Philippines and became known as the ‘Apostle to the illiterates’ for his remarkable work among the poor. Laubach developed his playful ‘*game with minutes.*’

His goal and encouragement to others was to become aware of God’s presence for one second of every minute of the day. He said this about the motivation: “Can I bring God back in my mind-flow every few seconds so that God shall always be in my mind as I trust in Him and live for Him.

Try this “Game with Minutes” as you go about your life this week. Make a conscious effort to bring your mind and attention back to God throughout the day. See how many “minutes” you can focus your attention on God and His presence.

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

Holy Spirit You are Welcome Here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zEiiZi2DKk>

Thank you Jesus for the Blood - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nbCnh5Q2o1Y>

Give Me One Pure and Holy Passion - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tMWVPmEjUpo>

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart – (Mennonite Hymnal #217)

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:

Holy Spirit, as we leave from here, your servants, grant us to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.