

**Dig Deeper @Home – Word on the Street**  
**Complement to lesson on 05/22/22 – “Following Jesus Where we Play”**

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

1. Do you believe in coincidences? Why or why not?
2. Finish the sentence: what gives me greatest joy is ...

**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 - Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. Read Matthew 22: 36-40 and John 3: 17. God sent His son to die on a cross for all of humanities sins, can we truly love God without sharing that truth?
2. Read Galatians 5: 19-24. Which life do we want to lead, one driven by flesh or the fruit of the Spirit? Do we want the same for everyone?
3. Read Ephesians 2: 8-10. If we have been created “for good works which God prepared beforehand” would God not also prepare us as well?
4. Read Esther 4:14. God’s will cannot be thwarted; the question is do we want to be a part of it? What keeps us from being part of it? How can more intentionally join His will where we live, work, go to school and play?
5. Read 1 Peter 4: 10-11. God gave each of us gifts and places where we can use those gifts...why do we hesitate? What is your gift? How can you more actively and intentionally serve others with your gift?
6. Read Matthew 13: 1-9 & 18-23, and/or Mark 4: 1-9 & 13-20 and/or Luke 8: 4-8 & 11-15. If we are the sower and the seed is the Word of God (the Gospel), who gets the fruit? Just those we share it with? Or do we gain joy as well? If the Ephesians passage is true and God has prepared good works for each believer wouldn’t God also prepare good soil for us?

## **EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Pick One to Live Out**

Below are some thoughts and quotes that have been meaningful to our guest speaker, Rich Longacre. Look them through and pick one that you will cling to and live out in a place where you hang out and play.

1. “We don’t believe something by merely saying we believe it, or even when we believe we believe it. We believe something when we act as if it were true.” Dallas Willard
2. I used to believe in coincidences, I no longer do. God has a plan for our lives...even when we don’t see or understand it.
3. A devotional ends each day with some version of “God is where the joy is”, I believe that more clearly every day!
4. Lance Ford said at a recent Gen 2 Gen presentation “Statistically within two years of becoming a Christian most Christians have no non-Christian friends.”
5. “We are saved by faith alone, but faith that saves is rarely alone” Martin Luther
6. “Someday may it be written about me on my tombstone: He was so amazed by God’s grace that he couldn’t keep it to himself.” Lee Strobel

Questions to consider:

1. Do I fully believe this? What is keeping me from fully believing this?
2. If the statement is true, what needs to change in my life and how can I actively live that out in the places where I hang out?

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

And Can it Be – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sbx6RNev-o0>

Lift High the Name of Jesus - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ozK3yPmkOO0>

I Wanna be like Jesus - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LUEffGGdmc>

I will Sing of my Redeemer – Mennonite Hymnal #554

## **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.