

Dig Deeper @Home – Word on the Street
Complement to lesson on 07/17/2022 – “#MayDay!”

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

1. One has to go: sports, music, books, movies. Which one goes?
2. Would you rather be stranded on an island, lost at sea or all alone in the Alaskan wilderness?

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 16:11-17:9

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. In 17:6, Paul and Silas are accused of “turning the world upside down.”
 - a. List at least three actions from chapter 16 where they indeed turned the world upside down.
 - b. Do you see any examples of others turning the world upside down? (hint: how does the jailer participate in turning the world upside down?)
 - c. How are you actively and intentionally turning the world upside down where you live, work, go to school and play?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – “Imitating Jesus”

The disciples didn't set out to turn the world upside down, they set out to follow Jesus, become more like him and reflect him to the world around him. The results of this was that they turned the world upside down. This week spend time growing in your relationship by reading Matthew 5. Based on these verses, where do you already look like Jesus and where do you need the Holy Spirit to help you look more like Jesus? Finally, put into practice the words of Jesus where you live, work, vacation and play. What command/verse will you intentionally put into practice?

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

Behold our God - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gqrli3Lkf58>

His Mercy is More - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5EUvOnQr4Y>

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:

Jesus, you are my King. Help me to turn the world upside down where I live, work, go to school and play, by surrendering to your Word and living out your ways!