

Dig Deeper @Home – Generation Now

Complement to lesson on 08/07/22 – “The Kingdom’s Living Reminders”

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

1. What is your favorite memory as a child before the age of 12?
2. Who were the people who taught you about God before you turned twelve?

MEMORIZE – Psalm 79:13

But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever; from generation to generation we will recount your praise

READ – Mark 10:13-16; Matthew 19:13-15; Luke 18:15-17

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What does the Holy Spirit draw your attention to as you read these verses?
 - a. What sticks out to you?
 - b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
 - c. Identify 10 questions from the verses you read
 - d. What are the passages revealing about God? About people? In light of these, what needs to change in your life?
2. Why would the disciples want to keep children away from Jesus? What childlike qualities was Jesus encouraging as he reached out and embraced the children?

How would you summarize Jesus’ view of children and the Kingdom?

3. Read Matthew 11:25-27 – Why is the Gospel hidden from the “wise and learned”? What is the difference between the “wise and learned” and “little children”? How are things of God revealed to “little children”?

What do you think Jesus means by this statement?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – “Practicing a Childlike Trust”

This week, focus on an area in your life where you need to put less trust in yourself and more trust in God. Set aside some time every day to pray about it and listen to God. Ask for the grace to be more childlike in your trust in God. At the end of your prayer time, repeat “Lord, Your will be done. Lord, Your will be done.” several times. And then just feel yourself resting in God’s loving arms.

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

God of Wonders – Chris Tomlin - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0M8XK2w7wmw>

With Simple Faith – Matt Papa - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A3IOJiZi_Xg

Whom Shall I Fear – Chris Tomlin - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0gu0nOaFsl>

This is My Father’s World – Mennonite Hymnal - #49

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:

Heavenly Father, I ask for the heart of a child to have a simple yet abiding trust and faith in your love and in your divine presence. Like a child, fill me with the gift of a childlike sense of wonder and awe as I look for you in this day and live out this day for your glory. Father you have so much to give; help me to receive it all with a trusting heart of a child. Amen.