

Dig Deeper @Home – Generation Now

Complement to lesson on 08/21/22 – “Driven by Kingdom Ambitions”

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

1. Are you a planner or an improviser? Do you work ahead or procrastinate?
2. If you were a fruit, which would you be?

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 – Matthew 3

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. How old is John in Matthew 3? What is he doing? What did/does culture expect a man of John's age to be doing?
3. How does John respond to the people that come to see him? How is this different or similar to how he responds to the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to see him?
4. What does it mean to “bear fruit in keeping with repentance” (v3:8)? How are you doing this in your life?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Bear Fruit

Get some fruit and snack on it while you do this activity. Make sure you get people's favorite fruits and be sure the fruit is good and juicy. Have some bibles and look up Galatians 5: 22.

1. Spend time talking about each fruit mentioned.
2. Where have you experienced it recently?
3. Where have you shown it recently?
4. Compare the experience of eating fruit with receiving the fruit of the Spirit. What connections can you make?
5. What Spiritual fruit listed is lacking in your life? Which fruit do you struggle to provide to others?
6. End by praying over/for one another. Take turns doing this and be specific. Thank God for the fruit that is evident in their lives and pray a blessing for growth with the fruit that is lacking.

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>

One Pure and Holy Passion - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jc2hXYeZXzY>

Fruit of the Spirit (Go Fish) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-ejASgf1VE>

So let our Lips and Lives Express – Mennonite Hymnal #327

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, help me live with Kingdom ambitions, bearing your fruit in the places I live, work, study and play.