

Dig Deeper @Home – Generation Now

Complement to lesson on 09/04/22 – “Living Grand for God’s Glory”

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

1. If you could only wear one color for the rest of your life, which would you choose?
2. If you knew God would say “yes” to any one request you would make, what would you pray for?

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 – Daniel 9:1-19

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. List 3-5 questions you have about the passage you read. Pray that you may receive clarity on what you do not understand and commit to ask a brother or sister in Christ if they might be able to provide clarity on at least one of them in the coming week.
 - d. What is the passage revealing about God? About people? In light of these, what needs to change in your life?
2. Here in chapter 9, Daniel prays on behalf of “the men of Judah... the inhabitants of Jerusalem.” In the passage from this week’s sermon, we saw Daniel praying with his “windows... open toward Jerusalem.” (6:10) Why does he do this? (Hint: Take a look at Daniel 1:1-2 and 1 Kings 8:28-30)
3. Daniel 9 is a window into Daniel’s prayer life. (Pun intended! See Daniel 6:10) What aspects of his prayer might you incorporate into your own prayer life?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Praying the Scripture

In Daniel 9 we see that Daniel’s prayer flows from his time spent in the “books” containing “the word of the LORD.” We too should let our prayers flow from our study of Scripture!

Consider the passage you just read in Daniel 9. Do you feel the Spirit nudging you to pray for anything specific after reading? Perhaps you feel compelled to offer prayers for a particular nation, personal prayers of repentance, or a prayer of adoration to our “great and awesome” God. Take some time to obey the Spirit’s prompting and pray for these things individually or as a group.

Allowing your prayer to be guided by the Bible is a powerful and helpful way of engaging with the Lord. If you have found this exercise meaningful, make sure to check out the Finland Faith@Home Center, where we will be offering free copies of “Praying the Bible” by Donald S. Whitney! (For a limited time.)

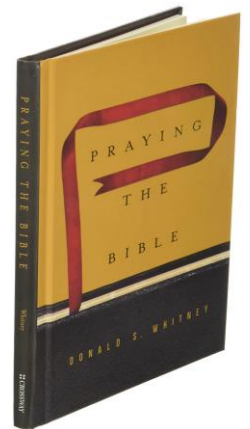
SING (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus – Mennonite Hymnal #337

Matty Mullins- What a Friend We Have in Jesus - <https://youtu.be/Hvvg9iMVaUg>

Sweet Hour of Prayer – Mennonite Hymnal #296

Listen: DC Talk – Day By Day - <https://youtu.be/nNDUpN384Pw>



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 to be a ready and humble participant of Generation Now, willingly teaching and learning from people from all generations.