

Dig Deeper @Home – Generation Now

Complement to lesson on 09/11/22 – “Inspiring with Kingdom Influence”

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

1. Would you rather have a month straight where the temperature never falls below 100 or where the temperature never raises above 0?
2. Share about a time you stood up for someone else

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 – Genesis 17 & 18

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. What examples of obedience do you see in these texts?
3. How old is Abraham in chapter 18? What role does he fill in 18: 16-33?
4. How would you describe Abraham and Sarah’s relationship with God? How does this inspire you in your relationship with God?
5. Where do you see questions being asked in these verses? What is the purpose of questions being asked?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – The Power of a Question

Asking questions is one of the best ways to influence others and helps to draw out what is within. What keeps us from asking questions? It is tempting to just tell others what they should do yet it often proves ineffective. Why might someone prefer to tell what to do rather than to ask a question?

With the idea that asking questions is a far more productive way of influencing others, here is a simple (but not easy) challenge for you this week: ask more questions than you give direction.

- What might keep you from accomplishing this?
- What will you have to do differently in order to accomplish this challenge?
- What positives would come from asking more questions?
- How can you phrase your questions so they are not simple “yes or no” questions?
 - o Why does this matter?

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>

King of Kings - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Of5lcFWiEpg>

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 to walk worthy of your Kingdom and to bear fruit in every good work where I live, work, study and play.