

Dig Deeper @Home – Generation Now

Complement to lesson on 09/18/22 – “Rebelling for a Kingdom Cause”

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

1. Would you rather drink a cup of melted butter or a cup of Frank’s Hot sauce?
2. Share about a time you rebelled. What did you rebel against and why?

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 – 1 Kings 12: 1-20

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. Where do you see people rebelling in these verses? Are they rebelling for God’s Kingdom or their own kingdoms?
3. Where in this text do you see different generations interacting together? What is the result of this interaction? What can you learn from this example?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Generational Insight

Last week, we experienced the power of asking questions as a way to influence others. We can also ask questions as a way to assist with our own troubles, difficulties or challenges. Rehoboam was clever in seeking out the advice of his father's counselors, yet displayed an utter lack of wisdom when instead of listening to them, chose to listen to his friends of the same age.

What challenge are you currently facing? What obstacle do you need to overcome? Perhaps its hard to share with your sibling, maybe you have a conflict with a friend, perhaps you feel overly busy and under rested, or maybe a problem at work that you haven't solved yet. Talk to 3 different people this week about whatever it is that you can't figure out on your own asking for their advice. But here's the thing, talk to 1 person that is in your generation and two people that are from two different generations than your own.

Then, prayerfully take into account the wisdom they share and determine action steps for moving forward. After you take action, spend time reflecting on the process. What do you want to remember? What went well? What would you do differently next time?

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>

Rebel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=abVdgbV6f14>

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 rebel for your Kingdom and to bear fruit in every good work where I live, work, study and play.