

Dig Deeper @Home – “Transformed”

Complement to lesson on 09/25/22 – “Transformed to Seek God’s Approval”

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

1. As you were growing up, who did you want to be sure to please with your words and actions?
2. Who were your friends and how did you learn to “fit in”? Was there ever a time when you decided not to go along with their actions?

MEMORIZE – Galatians 6:15

“For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.”

READ – Galatians 1

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What does the Holy Spirit draw your attention to as you read these verses from Galatians 1?
 - a. What particular words or phrases is the Holy Spirit highlighting to you as you read?
 - b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
 - c. What are the verses revealing about God? About people? In light of these, what needs to change in your life?
2. Read Paul’s story of conversion and transformation found in Acts 22:1-21.
 - a. What words from this story describe Saul’s life before he met Jesus?
 - b. How does Jesus confront Saul? What two questions does Saul ask which led to his conversion?
3. Read Paul’s letter to the Philippians – 3:4-11. (written almost 30 years after his conversion to Christ)
 - a. How has Saul, now Paul, been transformed by meeting Jesus?
 - b. What words or phrases in these verses speak to the change Christ has made in his life?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – The Power of Your Story

The greatest gift you can give someone is the story of Jesus and how Jesus transforms lives, especially yours. Take some time to think through your story by responding to these questions and then share your story with someone.

1. What were you like personally and/or spiritually before becoming a Christ-follower? What caused you to consider moving toward Christ?
2. What realization did you come to that finally motivated you to follow Christ? Specifically, what did you do to become a Christian?
3. How did your life begin to change after you began to follow Christ? What are clear differences in your life now that you follow Christ compared with your life before Christ?

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

Passion – Glorious Day - <https://youtu.be/Tlj1K7E3458>

In Christ Alone - <https://youtu.be/C77pE9-V0vU>

This is Amazing Grace - <https://youtu.be/cgsbaBlaoVc>

To God be the Glory – Mennonite Hymnal #532

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, guide me this week to someone with whom I can share your Gospel story. Help me to be open to sharing my story of how you are transforming my life where I live, work, study and play.