

Dig Deeper @Home – “Kingdom Apprentices”

Complement to lesson on 1/15/23 – “Enrolled as an Apprentice”

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

1. Would you rather be a jack of all trades, master of none or a jack of no trades, master of one?
2. What is one thing you hope to learn as an apprentice of Jesus in the new year?

MEMORIZE – Philippians 4:9

What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me – practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

READ – Read Philippians 1

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. Re-scan the text and consider...
 - a. What did the Holy Spirit cause to “jump off the page” as you read?
 - b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared? (If so... why might that be?)
 - c. What are the verses revealing about God? About people?
In light of these, what needs to change in your life? What are you already doing well?
2. Where do you see examples of apprenticeship language in chapter 1 of Philippians?
3. Paul sees himself as an apprentice of Jesus. Where do you see examples of this perspective in chapter 1 of Philippians?
4. What is the main goal for apprentices of Jesus? (hint: verse 9)
 - a. What is evidence that we are growing in this area?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Reciting the Jesus Creed

In Philippians 1:9 Paul prays that our love would abound. One gauge of our apprenticeship to Jesus is that our love will grow: love for God and love for others. One thing we can do to help grow in this area is to recite what has been called the “Jesus Creed” every day. You may choose to do this when you wake up, before you eat breakfast, as you drive to work, maybe you pick all of these times to recite it. The point is to regularly align our thinking with the Jesus Creed and asking the Holy Spirit to help our actions be consistent with it as well. Here is the Jesus Creed as found in Mark 12: 28-31

“Which commandment is first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Recite this each day for the next month. As you recite it with others, also share in what ways you are loving God more and loving others like yourself.

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

His Mercy is More - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5EUvOnQr4Y>

Yet Not I - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zundjUFazfg>

Come thou Fount - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=svWaaVbOQps>

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 love Jesus with everything I have and to love others as myself