

Dig Deeper @Home – “Kingdom Apprentices”
Complement to lesson on 1/29/2023 – “Learning as an Apprentice”

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

1. What is your preferred style of learning?
2. Do you believe that “you cannot teach an old dog new tricks”? Why or why not?

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 Colossians 1: 15-23

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What sticks out to you in this passage? What did you like? What didn't you like?
2. What general observations can you make? Anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
3. What is this passage revealing about God? About us as humans?
4. Write down all the descriptions of Jesus stated in these verses.
 - a. Which description draws your attention most?
 - b. Do any surprise you?
 - c. Which description do you need to learn more about?
5. According to these verses, what is the purpose of Jesus reconciling you into his body?
 - a. What are apprentices called to continue in?
 - i. What does this look like in your life?

Experiential activity – Learning “so as to”

In Colossians 1:10 Paul summarizes the point of being filled with knowledge of God’s will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding. We do this “so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord,” “to bear fruit in every good work” and to “increase in the knowledge of God.” Of these three, where do you need to grow the most as an apprentice? Spend time in prayer and create an apprenticeship plan outlining what learning you need to accomplish, how you will do this learning, and what it will look like for you to apply your learning. Here’s an example for your reference.

My apprenticeship plan

What I need to learn	How will I learn it?	How will I apply it?
To bear fruit in my neighborhood	I will read “Surprise the World” and will meet with _____ two times for lunch to learn how he/she bears fruit in their neighborhood	Create BELLS rhythms in my neighborhood

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

Build Your Kingdom Here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQ3EZbgeCaU>

All to Us – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LtQKAtM791o>

Rhythms of Grace - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r8EoFESw4iY>

God of Grace and God of Glory – Mennonite Hymnal #434

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 lesson:

As we go this week, Holy Spirit help us to learn so as to walk in manner worthy of You and to bear fruit in every good work where we live, work, study and play.