

# Dig Deeper @Home – "The God who Speaks" Complement to lesson on 09/03/23 – "A Daily Conversation"

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

- 1. Who is someone with whom you have a daily conversation? What is the purpose of those conversations? What do you enjoy about those talks?
- 2. In what place do you find it easiest to talk to God?

# MEMORIZE - Psalm 29: 3-4

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

# READ – Read Proverbs 16:1-9

## **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. What conditions does God attach for Him to guide and speak to us daily? (Read verses 3, 5, 7)
- 3. What promises does he offer as we daily seek to listen for His guidance. (vv. 6b-8)
- 4. How does this picture compare to your own life experience of daily listening for God to speak?
- 5. With so many confusing voices in our world, how do we know that we can trust God to speak daily to us in our circumstances? ((vv. 1, 4, 9)

## **EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY** – Exercise in Talking and Listening Prayer

Here's an outline to follow as you enter into a conversation of speaking and listening in prayer.

#### 1. Come to God in conversation about something that is on your mind and heart.

Share with God what you are experiencing and voice a specific request for guidance in prayer.

#### 2. Wait in silence for God to speak for 10-12 minutes

Listen to what God is saying to you. What themes emerge? What becomes clear about God's plan for you as you listen?

## 3. Jot down any Scripture, songs, impressions, or pictures God gives you

## 4. Share with a trusted friend how God spoke to you and seek to follow God's will

Whatever the Lord speaks to us, the most important thing is that we obey his voice. If you are unsure or need more confirmation, then ask the Lord for this. But if you hear and receive clear direction from God, try to respond with full obedience, being confident that God is the one guiding you by the Holy Spirit. There is great comfort and security when we hear and obey.

**SING** (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!) Psalm 8 (How Majestic is Your name) - <u>https://youtu.be/bPSv8vredVs</u> Jesus Strong and Kind - Cityalight - <u>https://youtu.be/ozkMPH8d55o</u> I have decided to follow Jesus - Tommy Walker - <u>https://youtu.be/SC7\_Vt-d3Ws</u> Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah - Mennonite Hymnal #311

## 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:

As you go this week, know the LORD is speaking and his voice of wisdom can be heard, discerned and followed. So, may the Holy Spirit grant you ears to hear His wisdom, truth, and guidance where you live, work, study and play.