

Dig Deeper @Home – “Kingdom Mindsets”

Complement to lesson on 09/10/23 – “Risen and Reigning”

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

1. Share some of your favorites ... book, movie, tv show, hobby, place to vacation, food, season, color, etc.
2. What do you think is God’s favorite color and why?

MEMORIZE – Acts 2: 38-39

And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

READ – Read Acts 1: 1-11 & 2: 1-13

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. In verse 4 the disciples are commanded to wait ...
 - a. What are they to wait for?
 - b. What are they to do after they wait?
 - c. What makes waiting hard? What makes going hard after waiting?
 - d. Where do you need to wait right now? Where do you need to stop waiting and start going?
3. Jesus says we will be his witnesses
 - a. What does a witness do? What does a witness not do?
 - b. How did the Holy Spirit help the disciples witness? How does he help us?
 - c. How do you live as a witness to Jesus?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – *Living as Witnesses*

This is a fun activity to understand that we can only be a witness to things we experience or know. To prove the point, pick a book, movie, or tv show you haven't read or watched. Talk to someone and convince them that this book, movie or tv show is a must read/watch. Now do the same thing with your favorite book, movie or tv show. (You can feel free to do this about anything ... favorite restaurant, a new idea hack, best place to vacation, etc) The point is to try doing this with something you know nothing about and something you are extremely well acquainted with.

1. What does this have to do with being a witness to Jesus?
2. What keeps us from being more active witnesses of Jesus where we live, work, study or play?
3. Do you know Jesus well enough to be a witness for him? How can you grow in that knowledge?
4. Practice being a witness about Jesus today. Start with safe situations like talking to another Christian about Jesus. As that raises your comfort, begin bringing Jesus up more with others to be his witness.
5. Remember ... you can't fake being a witness. We need to experience Jesus in our own life to be a witness for him with others.

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

Echo Holy - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pz5t7XTCxNE>

Jesus Strong and Kind - <https://youtu.be/ozkMPH8d55o>

All Hail King Jesus - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tmofB55JZNY>

Hymn of the Holy Spirit - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LgguVaGqHE8>

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, spend time with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Then be a witness as you share your experiences with Him with others where you live, work, study and play.