

Dig Deeper @Home – “Kingdom Mindsets”

Complement to lesson on 09/17/23 – “A Heavenly Allegiance”

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

1. If you were a fish, which would you want to be and why?
2. What is something that you find distracting? (for example: I am easily distracted if a tv is on in the room when I’m trying to talk to someone)

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 Ephesians 2

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 19 Paul says “so then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.”
 - a. Who’s he talking to? (hint: see verse 11)
 - b. If they are now citizens of God’s kingdom, what did they use to be citizens of? Notice, that to this same entity they are now strangers and aliens.
 - c. What are the implications of this truth? In other words, how do citizens of the world and its kingdoms believe and behave vs citizens of the household of God?
 - d. What caused the shift in citizenship? What didn’t cause the shift?
 - e. What names and identities define those who are now fellow citizens and members of the household of God?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – *Undistracted Soldiers*

Read 2 Timothy 2: 1-7. Paul wrote these words to Timothy, a young man he commissioned to oversee the churches in Ephesus.

- a. What is the connection between these verses and Ephesians 2:10 and 2:19?
- b. Who enlisted you into God's kingdom and household? (hint: who's the commanding officer of the household of God?)
- c. What are civilian affairs that a good soldier of Jesus Christ is to avoid?
- d. What current civilian affairs have you distracted and entangled?
- e. What do you need to do to get back in line with the ways, wisdom, and will of our True Commanding Officer?
 - a. For example, you may need to truly give him your worries, anxieties, doubts, fears, frustrations, emotions, pain, etc.
 - b. Or perhaps you've been striving with your own strength to make things happen in your own timing rather than relying on His strength and trusting His timing
 - c. Or perhaps you are too caught up in the passions of this world: sports, politics, finances, seeking success, wanting glory, pride, envy, jealousy, comparison, lust, discontentment, etc.
 - d. For all of us, we need to repent. Confess to Jesus, our Commanding Officer, what has you entangled, and ask Him to get you untangled and refocused on the good works He has for you, His masterpiece, to walk in

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>

How Great is Your Love - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vWUDHkC7Tns>

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:

LORD, by your saving grace, I am no longer a citizen of any kingdom of this world but a citizen of your Kingdom. Help me to live as a member of your household, not getting distracted by the passions of this world, but rather alerting people to your rule and reign where I live, work, study and play.