

Dig Deeper @Home – “Echoes of the King”

Complement to lesson on 10/22/23 – “The Sent and Sending One”

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

1. Have you ever been sent on an assignment. What was it like and how did it go?
2. If you could send someone to do an assignment for you every day, what would you pick for them to do and why?

MEMORIZE – Mark 1: 14-15

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

READ – Read Isaiah 40: 1-11 and Mark 1: 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. What connections do you see between the verses in Isaiah and the verses in Mark?
3. Based on the promises of Isaiah 40, what can you expect the book of Mark to be about?
 - a. Thinking about the book of Mark how is Isaiah 40:5 fulfilled?
4. What comfort do you get from Isaiah 40? How are these ultimately realized in Jesus?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – *Read Mark*

The activity this week is simple yet powerful. Read (or listen to) the book of Mark in one sitting. Even better, read it in one setting with someone else or a group. Before reading, look over the following questions and consider them while you read. You may want to take notes as well. What connections do you notice when you read in one sitting? What really stood out to you while you read it? How did you hear Isaiah 40 being fulfilled throughout the book of Mark?

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>

Psalm 23 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OoojA0cLPWY>

The Great I AM - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w2Yh4exnBU0>

Hope has a Name - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DI-fTpLINZ8>

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 message:

Almighty God: Father, Son & Holy Spirit, thank you that you are a God who pursues and comes to your people including me. May I go this week with the assurance that You are with me and for me and would you open my senses to your presence more and more each day.