

Dig Deeper @Home – “Echoes of the King”

Complement to lesson on 10/29/23 – “Gathered to Go”

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

1. If you could go anywhere right now, where would you go and what would you do?
2. Biblically speaking, to be a follower of Jesus is to be a “sent one” of God. What is your initial response to this statement? (check out John 20:21 to see Jesus say it himself)

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 35 and Mark 1: 14-20, 35-39

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. What comfort do you get from Isaiah 35? How are these ultimately realized in Jesus?
4. What actions do you notice in Jesus in the verses from Mark? How can you emulate these in your own life?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITIES

Go Fishing

That's right. Go fishing. Take a friend. Go with the family. Get some alone time. Either way, grab a rod, whatever bait you want, a fishing license if you need one, and go fishing. Why? Because Jesus said he would make us "fishers of people." So while you are fishing, consider what you do while fishing. How does this relate to share the Good News, telling others about Jesus and alerting them to His kingdom? Discuss these questions with the Holy Spirit while you fish and with others as well.

Praying in Isolated Places

Find an isolated place. A closet in your house, your basement, some place in the woods, a walking trail. The main thing to look for is a place where you can be by yourself. Spend time praying in that place. Take your bible with you and read some scriptures. Spend time with God. Bring a music player of some sort and sing songs. Do this a couple times this week, asking God to reveal Himself to you and to help you see where He is at work in the places you live, work, study, worship and play.

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>

Psalms 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, you have called me to be fishers of people. Create opportunities for me to talk about you with others this week where I live, work, study, worship and play.