

Dig Deeper @Home – “Echoes of the King”

Complement to lesson on 11/26/23 – “Go to Restore”

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

1. Would you rather restore an old barn, an old car, or an old piece of furniture?
2. Share a time when someone invited you to be a part of something.

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 Mark 5: 21-43

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?
 - d. In light of these, what needs to change in your life? What are you already doing well?
2. What strikes you about Jairus? Consider who he is. Consider what he says to Jesus and how he says it. What would others in the synagogue think about Jairus’s actions? What makes you think this?
3. What question does Jesus ask after he was touched by the women with the bleeding problem?
 - a. Of all the questions, why do you think he asked this one?
 - b. What would it have meant to be associated with being touched by someone with a bleeding problem?
 - c. What does this say about who Jesus was willing to be associated with?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY: “Taste and See”

As we look at the actions of Jesus, we know that the Kingdom of God is a kingdom of repairing (healing), reconciling, reclaiming and restoring. In this series, we were invited to “taste and see” these aspects of the Kingdom and to declare and demonstrate to others about this Kingdom so they too can “taste and see.”

Talk to someone about a favorite snack of yours. Tell them why you like it so much. Now share a sample of the snack. What was different about the two ways of “sharing” your favorite snack?

How does this relate to sharing the kingdom with others?

- In order to share about your favorite snack, you had to taste and eat the snack. What aspects of the Kingdom of God have you tasted? Tell someone about it today.
- What aspects of the Kingdom of God would you like to taste this week? Repair? Reconciliation? Reclaim? Restoration? How can you experience this?
- Think about where you live, work, study or play ... just pick one. What part of the Kingdom can you declare and demonstrate? How can you do this? Spend time in prayer with the Holy Spirit to see how He leads you in this.

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

Great are you Lord - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vQLMnPYoR9k>

Alas! And did my Savior bleed – Watts – Mennonite Hymnal #170

King of Love - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qqsChaiBkQ4>

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, I want to experience You and Your Kingdom in personal, intimate ways today. I want to keep tasting and seeing your goodness. As I do, may it lead to me joyfully sharing with others about your kingdom where I live, work, study and play.