

Dig Deeper @Home – “The King and His Kingdom”
Complement to lesson on 7/7/24 – “Living in the Weeds”

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

1. Share something about yourself that you don't think the people you are gathered with know about you.
2. Create your own “would you rather” with the group. For example, would you rather eat a tablespoon of salt or a tablespoon of horseradish?

MEMORIZE – Matthew 7: 24 & 26

Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock ...And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.

READ –Matthew 13: 1-30

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 in these verses is interesting? What is confusing?
 - d. What are the verses revealing about God?
 - e. What are the verses saying about people?
 - f. In light of these, what needs to change in your life? What are you already doing well?
2. The Kingdom of God breaks through daily, sometimes in dramatic ways, like a miraculous healing, and sometimes in more mundane ways, like receiving a word of encouragement from someone else. Experiencing the Kingdom of God in any of these ways is what is considered Good News.
 - a. With that in mind, where do you see Good News in this passage?
 - b. How you can proclaim/share this Good News with someone today where you live, work, study, vacation or play?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Living God’s Word

Read the memory verse again. Reading God’s word has an ultimate purpose ... our transformation. How? By receiving Christ’s word, believing Christ’s word and living out Christ’s word. So do that this week. Identify from the passage which word of Christ you need to receive, believe and live out. Memorize the verse(s), spend time thinking about the verse(s), ask the Holy Spirit for guidance on where/how to live it out.

SING

Spend time worshipping together. Sing your own songs. Look songs up on YouTube for others to be able to sing along. Share a song that has been meaningful to you recently and talk about why. Make this time your own.

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:

Our Father in Heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth (where I live, work, study, vacation, play) as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.