

Dig Deeper @Home – “Letters To/From Finland”

Complement to lesson on 8/11/24 – “Lessons Learned While Serving”

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

1. What is something that fuels/energizes you?
2. When you receive a task do you wait to do it or get it done right away? Why?

MEMORIZE – 2 Corinthians 3:2-3 (NIV)

You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

READ –John 4:31- 38

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. What does Jesus claim his food to be?
 - a. What does his food contrast?
 - b. Why is this important?
 - c. What does Jesus’s food point to spiritually?
3. Why may Jesus disregard the 4 months of waiting for the harvest?
 - a. What is He trying to teach the disciples?
 - b. What are the spiritual benefits of participating in God’s harvest now?

4. Where does the harvest come from?

- a. How as Christians do we participate in God's harvest?
- b. Where can we find labor?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Serve, Serve, Serve

In this lesson, Jesus taught the importance of participating with God in his work. Now, it is our turn to put this into action. Looking at earlier sections in John 4, Jesus intentionally went out of his way to see the women at the well. Similarly to Jesus, we may need to go out of our way even if it is inconvenient for us to serve others. Jesus says, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2). Let's be God's laborers this week and take advantage of the abundant harvest he has for us!

Brainstorm places that you could serve this week (Ideas)!

- **Children**-> How can you help your parents this week?
- **Parents** -> What people in your life (unbelievers/ believers) do you have an opportunity to serve? How can you serve intentionally in your family?
- **Singles** -> What ministry opportunities or places where you live, work, and play can you participate in God's work?
- **Grandparents** -> How can you sow seeds in the life of younger congregants (grandkids/ church children)?

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The Blessing-> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jDMijhOUOqk>

Great I Am-> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D7HSYv203Co>

Mercy -> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fv5fu3RyxMs>

Graves Into Gardens -> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YihKbG8-X3U>

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:

Dear Lord, Thank you for the Holy Spirit that you give to us. Continually fill us up with your spirit so we may continue to love you and serve others. Give us hearts of compassion and strength to seek the opportunities to participate in your harvest. Raise and send out those who are willing to participate in the work you are doing! Thank you, God, for the continual work and service you are doing in my life. Amen.