

Dig Deeper @Home – “Living 1st John”

Complement to lesson on 10/27/24 – “Practice the Truth”

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

1. What’s your favorite way to eat pumpkin?
2. What keeps you from being honest? (for example, fear of letting others down can keep me from being honest)

MEMORIZE – 1st John 2: 5-6

“But whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he (Jesus) walked.”

READ – 1st John 1

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. Re-scan the text and consider...
 - a. What did the Holy Spirit draw your attention to 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? What are the verses saying about people?
 - e. In light of these, what needs to change in your life? What are you already doing well?
2. Who’s the author of 1st John and what do you know about him?
3. John says he is passing on what he has “heard, seen and touched.”
 - a. What did John hear, see and touch?
 - b. What does it change/matter that he heard, saw, and touched this?
 - c. How have you heard, seen and touched this in your life?
 - d. Why does John write (share) these things?
 - e. Are you sharing this with others? Identify 1 person a day to share this with.

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Can't Count 'Em

Listen to Can't Count 'Em remix on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TWtmaMd-rSI>) and follow along to read the lyrics. Essentially, this song is praising God for the things He has done ... the things that have been heard, seen and touched by Brandon Lake and KB.

What of the LORD have you heard, seen and touched? Begin a list. How have you experienced Jesus? When has the Holy Spirit done a powerful work in your life? When has the LORD spoken to you and directed you? When has God showed up in your life? Begin your list. Keep adding to it daily and sharing with others what you have heard, seen and touched so that your joy and their joy may be complete.

What I have heard, seen and touched ...

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10,000 Reasons - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9WLRtNhOgTs>

In the Garden - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3_dMzucjEaw

Do it Again - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0B_InQITxU

His Mercy is More - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5EUvOnQr4Y>

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 the Spirit of Matthew 6:10, pray also that God's "kingdom come, (His) will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Sending prayer based on the message:

Heavenly Father, you are light and in You is no darkness at all. Holy Spirit, give me strength to walk in the light as you are in the light. Thank you Jesus that as I walk in the light, you bring me into fellowship with others and your blood cleanses us from all sin.