

Dig Deeper @Home – “Living 1st John”

Complement to lesson on 11/24/24 – “Ask for Life”

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

1. Have you or someone you know ever been asked to testify before a judge in court? Tell about that experience. What were you asked to do?
2. What testimony of faith have you heard recently that has inspired you?

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 5

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. Read 1 John 5:6-12. Notice how many times the word “testimony” and “testify” are used in these verses. How many?
2. To what might the water and blood in verses 6 and 8 refer? (See Matthew 3:13-17 and Hebrews 9:12 for help.)
3. Name the three witness’s testimonies which are in agreement.
 - a. How is each a witness?
 - b. How has God testified concerning Jesus? (Cf John 5:31-37)
4. What two kinds of people does John contrast in verse 10 and what is true of each? Why do you think it is such an offense to God for anyone to not believe the testimony of His Son?
5. According to 1 John 5:11-12, what is the key to eternal life?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – My Testimony about Jesus

One of the most important things you can do as a Christian is to write out your personal testimony of your faith in Jesus. This exercise will help you think through in your own mind what God has done in your life and will prepare you to share your story simply and clearly with others.

MY TESTIMONY

Before I trusted Christ:

How I trusted Christ:

Since I've trusted Christ:

After you have written it out – then find a few Christian friends to tell your story to so that you can share your testimony with others in a more relational way. And finally, remember that you do not have the power in yourself to convince anyone of spiritual truth! The Holy Spirit convicts non-believers of their need to know Christ (John 16:8). As you pray for those with whom you desire to share your personal testimony, be sure to ask God to work by the power of His Spirit to show people their need, and to strengthen you as you share the gospel with them.

SING

This I Believe (The Creed) – Hillsong - <https://youtu.be/nNiYUPsHgls>

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me - <https://youtu.be/rNXd0KQaYXg>

God I Look to You - <https://youtu.be/IKsKeFoOUIE>

Blessed Assurance – Hymnal #544 <https://youtu.be/ce38ZrShMtl>

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. Help me to live in confidence, knowing that my hope is in You.