

Dig Deeper @Home – “For King and Kingdom”
Complement to lesson on 2/9/25 – “A New Birth”

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

1. If you could make the sky any color but blue, which would you pick?
2. How have you experienced new birth in Christ?

MEMORIZE – John 20:21-22

Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” (ESV)

READ – John 3: 1-21

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. Read Numbers 21: 4-9.
 - a. What connections do you see in this account and John 3:14-18?
 - b. How does reading this help you better understand why Jesus compares himself to the bronze serpent?
3. Read 1 John 1: 1-10.
 - a. Compare and contrast these verses with John 3:16-21.
 - b. What role does a “new birth” play in the verses from John and 1st John?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – “Sardines”

Sardines is a fun game to play with others. To be effective, play with 3 or more other people. Sardines is the reverse of hide and seek. In hide and seek, one person seeks while everyone else hides and the seeker has to find everyone. In Sardines, one person hides and everyone else seeks. As the seekers find the person hiding, they join them in hiding until the last person finds the group. Play a minimum of 2 rounds, one where all the lights in the rooms that make up the field of play. In the second round, have as minimal light as possible and still be safe. Play as many times as you want and then discuss.

- Was it easier to hide when all lights were on or when minimal lights on? Why?
- Did you take the lighting into consideration when picking your spot to hide? In what way?
- When a person is found, they are joined by others. How does this model the posture of Christian community described in John 3: 16-21.
- Is there any place you are currently hiding? And what would it look like to come to the light this week?

SING (or listen to)

Our God - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=01Yj7H-eSjM>

King of Kings – Hillsong - <https://youtu.be/McO-ELaBjfw>

God of all My Days – <https://youtu.be/ZYkZE8AogDE>

Restore Me - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Otyr2uIS0o>

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, for this week.

Sending prayer based on the message:

Father, help us to experience the abundance, goodness and joy of your Kingdom this week and share it with others where we live, work, study, worship and play.