

Dig Deeper @Home – "For King and Kingdom" Complement to lesson on 2/23/25 – "A Sent Priority"

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

- 1. As you get older, do you find yourself becoming more or less like your parents? Why?
- 2. Who influenced you the most to take a relationship with God seriously? What did they do that convinced you?

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 5:19-28

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. As you read these verses, in what ways is Jesus equal with the Father (vv.26-27)? What terms are used to show the kind of relationship between the two?
- 3. What claims does Jesus make about Himself in verse 24? What is the promise Jesus gives?
- 4. Read verses 24-30. What happens to those who hear and believe in Jesus? To those who do not?
- 5. How would you describe the business that God the Father and God the Son are in?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – "In Your Own Words"

Read John 5:24. If you had to explain what vs. 24 means in your own words, how would you put it? Take time to write down your thoughts and then share with someone in your group or family what you believe these words mean to you. What is the connection between hearing and believing? What does it mean to "pass from death to life"?

SING (or listen to)

Same God - https://youtu.be/yse43TUrces

What a Beautiful Name - https://youtu.be/4W65tplsntU

In Christ Alone - https://youtu.be/m_0630I38RQ

We Praise Thee, O God – (Hymnal -527) https://youtu.be/fylTUNvu_z4

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.