

Dig Deeper @Home – “Alive and Ascended”

Complement to lesson on 3/9/2025 – “Alive and Ascended”

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

1. On a scale of 1-10 with 1 being “I would rather cut off my left arm” and 10 being, “I would drain my savings to be able to do it”, what would be your response to spending a week aboard the international space station?
2. What difference does it make in your daily life that Jesus is ascended?

MEMORIZE – 1 Thessalonians 5: 9-11

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

READ – John 14: 15-31

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. What is the connection between love and obedience?
3. According to these verses, what difference does it make that Jesus is alive and ascended?
4. What is the role and importance of the Holy Spirit?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Spring’s Powerful Reminder

Every year, we watch the leaves turn brown, the trees become bare, and the color of nature turn into a grayish brown. Besides the couple snowfalls, the color of Winter in our area is rather bland. But Spring always follows Winter. In Spring, nature once again comes alive, filled with vibrance and color. What a powerful reminder to the resurrection of Jesus. So, capture this reminder yourself in the form of a poem, a painting, a picture ... any kind of creative expression that captures this powerful reminder. Whatever you make, be sure to put in a prominent place where you and others will see it regularly to keep in front of you the greater truth of new life we are given from our resurrected King.

SING (or listen to)

O Praise the Name - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqBpifDpNKc>

Holy Forever - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lkHgxCemCRk>

Echo Holy - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OjDkHUj7o0A>

Because He Lives - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PBvU7arNhQs>

Because He Lives (hymn) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ukg2YRIsHWA>

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, Jesus, Holy Spirit, help me to walk in obedience to you out of an abundance of love for you.