

Dig Deeper @Home – “Alive and Ascended”

Complement to lesson on 3/30/2025 – “Sent from Above”

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

1. What is your favorite dessert?
2. What gives you joy?

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 16: 16-33

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. According to these verses, what is the source of true joy?
 - a. What keeps this joy from being taken away?
 - b. How do you experience this joy in your life? How can you experience more of this joy?
3. In verse 23 Jesus tells his followers that whatever they ask the Father for in Jesus’ name, the Father will give it.
 - a. Do you believe this?
 - b. What does this mean?
 - c. What was the last thing you asked for from the Father?
 - d. What keeps you from asking more from the Father?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Ask the Father

Spend time talking to the Father. Talk to him about the day ahead. What do you need? Ask Him to provide and write down what you asked for. Then look back at the end of day and see how God provided. Repeat this every day.

What I asked for from the Father:	How the Father provided:

SING (or listen to)

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

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

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

Can't Steal my Joy - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h8Bu6DRZh6U>

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, thank you for your love. May I be filled with your joy this week and full of confidence to come to you with all of my needs, hopes and dreams.