

Dig Deeper @Home – “Raised and Returning”

Complement to lesson on 4/12/26 – “Active & Hopeful Waiting”

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

1. Do you prefer sleeping on your back, on your stomach or on a particular side?
2. What do you typically do while you find yourself waiting?

MEMORIZE – 1st 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 – Read Acts 17: 1-15

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. Compare and contrast Paul and Silas’s experience in Thessalonica and Berea.
3. Read verses 6 and 7 again. What does this mean in our contexts? What difference ought it have in the life of a Christian that “Jesus alone is King”?
4. Pick a verse to meditate on. Keep bringing this verse to mind this week and invite the Holy Spirit into a conversation.

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Noble Reception

Paul spoke and reasoned with the scriptures to the Thessalonians and the Bereans but Luke records that the Bereans received his words more nobly. Why? Because “they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so” (Acts 17:11).

1. Are you more like the Thessalonians or Bereans?
2. What would it look like to be more like the Bereans during your week?
3. Make a plan for how you will nobly receive the word moving forward. How will you apply this to sermons? To books you read? To podcasts you listen to?

SING (or listen to)

Resurrecting - <https://youtu.be/9enR-kRkycl?si=0pXWzi69HM0-HDEi>

Praise the King - <https://youtu.be/5BTQKkqINTg?si=2gUx2IPfaLzvnn5C>

Because He Lives - <https://youtu.be/RFlr8-gH55E?si=RNzjo9QJuaY2fhWl>

Rise my Soul, the Lord is Risen - <https://youtu.be/5Q1FeQfVNVs?si=mgkzkquXoPx8gPvP>

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:

Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.