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what to do when
things go wrong

A Day of Service

Grab Gather Grow

Week of Sunday, April 29, 2018

Grab this study, gather a few people,
and grow in faith

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SCRIPTURE

(read over the scripture together)
(see side panels)

OPENING PRAYER

God, we have come together in your name today as your people, your children. It is in your name that we ask for your work in the life of each person here. We ask for your comfort and peace, life and breath, hope and joy. We ask that you give us your strength, because we know that we are nothing without you. God, pour out your Spirit on your people so that they will know they are never apart from you. Thank you for seeing, knowing and loving each person. May we tangibly experience your presence today and in our study and our service. Amen.

DISCUSSION (one or two or ...)

Discuss the following statement ...
It doesn't matter how good the product, if the service is bad, we're not likely to buy. This is why customer service is so important and why most businesses clamor for feedback. Restaurants, hospitals, hotels and even airports desire our opinions. Some airports want to know what we think of their toilets. This growing trend leads us to ask -- with a nudge from the parable of the good Samaritan -- what people metaphorically, or perhaps, literally, lying on the roadside think of our service. A smiley face or a frowny face?

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Jeremiah 42:2-4

They approached Jeremiah the prophet and said to him, "We have something to ask you: Please pray to the LORD your God for us, this small group, for as you can see we were once many but now are very few. May the LORD your God show us where we should go and what we should do."

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The prophet Jeremiah replied, "Yes, I'll pray to the LORD your God as you have asked. And I'll tell you whatever the LORD says; I won't hide anything from you."

Read together Jeremiah 42:2-4 (see side panel on previous page). The church of Jesus Christ is in decline, we are a people who “were once many but now are very few.” Why do you think this is the case? Jeremiah states that “may the Lord your God show us where we should go and what we should do.” Where is it that the church should go and what is it that we should do when we get there? What role does service play in the church reaching out to new people?

SERVE

The afternoon of the April 29th, a 5th Sunday of the month, Brooklyn UMC, went out into our community in service. Review together some of the needs of our community. Talk together about one need that maybe your group could do something about this week. Then do it.

Mark your calendars, for Sunday July 29th, the next 5th Sunday. Again BUMC will be heading out into our community in service that afternoon. Plan to have your Gathering be part of our next day of service.

Our Change for Change this week is for the Conference Love Offering. Each year at the Minnesota Annual Conference each church brings a special love offering for Conference wide mission projects. This year the Love offering will give 65% to **Puerto Rico Hurricane Recovery Trips** in response to Hurricanes Irma and Maria; 25% to **Park Avenue UMC Freedom School**, a 6-week summer day camp experience for children in the heart of Minneapolis; and 15% to **Numas Haus** which provides emergency shelter and support services to homeless single women and their children in New Ulm area.

Extra Scripture Reading this week...

Lamentations: Chapter 4 & 5 and Jeremiah: Chapters 39-52



FAITH
share read talk pray bless



AT HOME THIS WEEK

Share your High and Low of the day; read the daily scripture; talk about it; pray about each others highs and lows, and at the end of the day, bless each other with the blessing below or one of your own.

SUNDAY: Jeremiah 42:2-4

MONDAY: Luke 10:25-37 (a portion of the story)

TUESDAY: Luke 10:25-37 (a portion of the story)

WEDNESDAY: Luke 10:25-37 (a portion of the story)

THURSDAY: Jeremiah 18:1-11

FRIDAY: Jeremiah 32:26-27

SATURDAY: Jeremiah 32:14-15

BLESSING: “May you serve the Lord daily.”