

DEEPER

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I wanna go deeper

- What does that mean?
 - I want more of God?
 - I want meatier teaching?
- Do they?
- Spiritual boredom

I wanna go deeper

- Misdiagnosis/Prescription: learn something new about the Bible
- Tingling ear syndrome
- 2Tm 4:3-4
- We operate with the assumption that giving people new ideas changes them

I wanna go deeper

- “I wish we had more studies”
- LBI – 2007/08 27 Started
- What was the last book of the Bible that you’ve studied?
- So...you are living all that?

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- The problem with Christians isn’t that they don’t understand what Jesus said
- The problem with Christians is that they don’t do what Jesus said

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- Mk 10:17-31 Rich Young Ruler
- What must I do...?
- I already did that...there’s got to be more
- Here is what you are lacking
- It’s not about knowing the law

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- Spiritual maturity is not automatic as a result of the mastery of scriptural teachings...that is an essential element in attaining maturity, but of itself it cannot produce maturity. The accumulation of biblical information is of immense value, but it is only as the principles of Scripture are worked out in daily obedience that spiritual growth is advanced.

survey says...

- The number one contributor to spiritual growth was not transformational teaching. It was not being in a small group. It was not reading deep books. It was not energetic worship experiences.

It was not finding meaningful ways to serve. It was suffering. People said they grew more during seasons of loss, pain, and crisis than they did at any other time.

Being Deep

- Jn 10:10 life/more abundantly
- It's not about going deep, it's about being deep
- Hearing his voice
- Shaped by relationship
- Doing what He asks
- Giving up control

Deep Calls To Deep

- Ps 42:7
- Storm - ocean – heavens
- Great deep above calls to great deep below
- The deep outside calls to the deep within

Deep Calls To Deep

- David was an exile, driven out by his favorite son
- Outside were fights, within were fears
- When internal and external sorrows combine

Deep Calls To Deep

- In a deep extraordinary trial, there is most surely another deep answering to it
- DeepTrials=DeepFaithfulness
- ShallowSorrows=ShallowGrace
- Enlarge my heart! Trials are mighty enlargers of the heart!

Deep Calls To Deep

- To the depth of your sorrows will be the depth of your rescue!!
- Dan 3:25-30 Fiery Furnace
- XordinaryWork=XordryStrength
- UnusualSuffering=UnuslPatience
- The depth of Jesus' life-service, condescension, death calls to???

Deep Calls To Deep

- Rm 8:26-31-37-39
- Eph 3:13-18-21
- The deep of our misery calls to the deep of His mercy
- The deep of His love calls for the deep of our love in return

The Crossroad

- When did God's people "go deep"?

- Noah
- Moses
- Peter

The calling

- Jn 1:35-42
- Andrew was a disciple of John
- Andrew gets bro – Simon
- Simon meets Jesus and gets a name change – Peter
- 1st encounter, no immediate change

The Calling

- Mk 1:16-17/Mt 4:18-19
- Sometime later...the call to follow at the Sea of Galilee
- Follow Me – relationship call
- 1st instance – fishers of men
- New way of living declared

The deep call

- Lk 5:1-11
- Sometime later...Jesus & Pt boat
- Put out a little – learn
- Launch into the deep – do
- Self-revelation
- 2nd instance – fishers of men
- Left everything to follow

Called deeper

- Mt 14:22-33
- Storm – fear – faith op
- Come
- Peter's initial faith was not prob
- it was his double-mindedness in sustaining his faith - distractions

Called deeper still

- Lk 22:31-34
- Simon, Simon...
- All of Simons progress to becoming Peter will be knocked back in this one incident
- Jesus prays for him to come through this ordeal

Deep Calls To Deep

- Jn 21:1-22

- Peter goes back to old life
- Revelatory advice
- Love test – Fathers Plan
- Final surrender & Right Reliance
- Comparison Crash
- You Follow Me!

Deeper

- Jn 20 (Mk 16:7)
 - Peter
 - Mary Magdalene
 - Thomas
- “Fire In My Eyes”

Deeper

- What is Father saying to you?
- What is the one thing He is asking of you?
- He didn't give the Rich Young Ruler a long list of things to do...He just asked for 1 thing...

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