



LET'S GO DEEPER

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John 21:1-14

Later, Jesus appeared again to the disciples beside the Sea of Galilee. This is how it happened. Several of the disciples were there—Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples. Simon Peter said, “I’m going fishing.” “We’ll come, too,” they all said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night. At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn’t see who he was. He called out, “Fellows, have you caught any fish?” “No,” they replied. Then he said, “Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you’ll get some!” So they did, and they couldn’t haul in the net because there were so many fish in it. Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, “It’s the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore. The others stayed with the boat and pulled the loaded net to the shore, for they were only about a hundred yards from shore. When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread. “Bring some of the fish you’ve just caught,” Jesus said. So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore. There were 153 large fish, and yet the net hadn’t torn. “Now come and have some breakfast!” Jesus said. None of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. Then Jesus served them the bread and the fish. This was the third time Jesus had appeared to his disciples since he had been raised from the dead.

The moment Jesus called out to the disciples on the boat, Peter knew it was Jesus. And he only knew because of the equity between them. After three years of doing the day-to-day with Jesus, Peter had formed an intimacy with Jesus.

Psalm 62:5

“Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will not be shaken.”

1. Jesus’ relationship with us is measured

John 10:27

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”

That equity was built in the mundane aspects of life - not the miracles, not the sermon on the mount but the walking from city to city, the meals, the conversations after the ministry moment.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why is being aware of God’s relationship with us in our day to day is as important as the miraculous?

2. How did the disciples get to know Jesus?

3. How important is building the relationship with Jesus on our day to day?



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Jesus and the disciples daily invested - each day there was a deposit. And the value of their relationship was built in the time they spent eating, walking, sleeping, getting sick together, etc.

The disciples didn't know Jesus was the Messiah, the son of God, because he healed someone's eyes (sure that helped), but it was because of the time that they spent getting to know each HIS heart.

“Through the disciples’ continual exposure to who he was, what he did and said, Jesus intended them to discern and absorb his vision, mindset and mode of operation. He desired them to become so saturated with the influences arising from his example and teaching, his attitudes, actions and anointing, that every single area of their lives would be impacted towards greater likeness to himself. The approach he decided on was simple and informal, practical and wholistic. The totality of shared life experiences made up the disciples’ classroom, and their teacher’s words merely needed to further elucidate the lessons already gained from his life.” (Krallman, Mentoring For Mission, p.53)

Luke 10:39-42

“39 Mary, sat at the Lord’s feet, listening to what he taught...42 There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her.””

2. Deep intimacy in community requires the mundane

The disciples did life with Jesus and with others around them. They did EVERYTHING with Jesus.

Disciples can only be formed via relationship (and no you cannot learn how to do or make disciples without a relationship)

Jesus did work that transformed the disciple's lives. But none of this transformation happened because of a concert, a Sunday service, a healing, etc.

Do we experience intimacy in our community? Intimacy simply put, is closeness in relationships

Intimacy requires 7 factors - safety, communication, affection, compassion, trust, honesty, and acceptance.

1. Why does intimacy in community require the mundane?

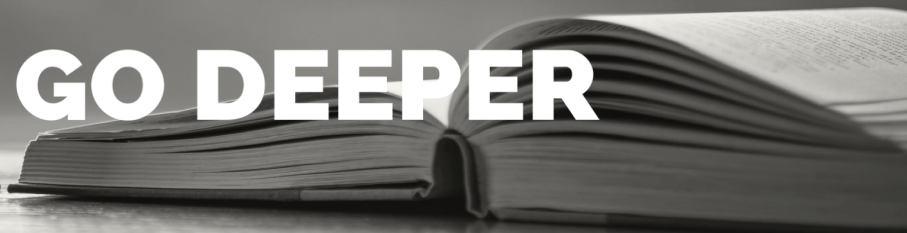
2. What are the 7 factors that are required for intimacy?

3. Is coming to church equivalent to intimacy?

4 Why is intimacy in a community so important for us?



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(Genesis 2:18-20). - God created us to be communal beings. From the moment humanity was created, God noted that it was not good for us to be alone.

(1 Corinthians 12:25-27). We are not just individuals, but part of the Body of Christ, and part of our calling is to show concern for the other members of that Body

(James 5:16). It provides us with prayer support for our healing, which is not found elsewhere

(Proverbs 27:17). It is the place where we can challenge each other and help each other grow to maturity

(Matthew 18:20). It is the place where Christ promised His presence would be.

(Romans 1:11-12). It is the place where we can be encouraged by each other's faith in times of abundance, as well as in times of difficulty.

(Ephesians 4:2-6). - We are called by Christ to this one Body, and He expects us to be in unity with that Body.

The early Christians did not view or see their walk with God as a sole or family experience

But it was a corporate experience, meeting with other Christians, worshiping with them, bearing their burdens, challenging each other to higher standards, rejoicing with each other in times of good, and consoling and praying for each other in times of darkness, were considered arrogant, proud, and sinful.

HOW CAN I APPLY THIS TO MY LIFE?

POINTS FOR REFLECTION

1. The day to day is also important.

We appreciate, and most of the time desire, the miraculous of God in our lives. But let's be honest, we will not live in the miraculous 24/7. Jesus didn't do it during his life here on earth either. He had normal and ordinary days with his disciples and the people around him. Those days are important too. When Jesus preached and taught, nothing miraculous was happening. No healing was happening, no miracles were taken place. Jesus was just talking. But in that talking is what had the most impact on people. Therefore, let us not underestimate the normal day to day experiences with Jesus. These are important to build that confidence and closeness with Jesus.

2. You don't walk alone.

God made us social creatures. We are not designed to live isolated. We need community. But community is not built without intimacy. Join a small group and be intentional about your relationships.