



Part 1: Conquering the Deep End

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For some people, deep is scary!

A working definition of spiritual depth:
An intimate knowledge of God.

Philippians 1:9-11

⁹And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Insights

1. The outcome of spiritual depth should always be love.

- For God
- For each other
- For those who don't know God

2. Spiritual depth should result in:

- Greater discernment
- Purposeful purity
- Spiritual fruit
- More attention on Jesus

3. Spiritual depth is easily shifted to other people

4. Spiritual depth is my personal responsibility

(Romans 14:12; Hebrews 4:13; 1 Peter 4:5)

5. Spiritual depth is my personal challenge

(Philippians 3:12-14)

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The Mission of Christ the King Community Church

To create an authentic Christian community that effectively reaches out to unchurched people in love, acceptance and forgiveness so that they may experience the joy of salvation and a purposeful life of discipleship.

The Big Question for Fall

Acknowledging that I am responsible for my own spiritual journey, where am I purposefully going deep this fall?

On Your Way Home

Think about what you heard this weekend at church. What scares you the most about going deep spiritually? Tell God about your fears and then listen for his answer. (Hint: you may need to stop driving and turn off the radio in order to hear the answer.)

Next Steps

Baptism: If you have accepted Jesus as your personal Savior, sign up today at the Connection Point to attend our 1-hour baptism class on Sunday, September 26 so you can be baptized on the weekend of October 2 & 3. There is only one class offered for this baptism – we will no longer offer baptism class before each service.

Going Deep for Leaders: If you are planning to attend the leader's meeting this Sunday afternoon but haven't RSVP'd, we encourage you to grab lunch before the meeting and join us at 1:30 PM. We'd still love to see you there!

Small Group Questions



- 1) How did you learn how to swim? (i.e., I took lessons, or I got thrown into a lake and it was sink or swim, or I haven't because water scares me, or I just jumped in and went for it!)
- 2) When you think of "going deep" are you scared? Intimidated? Energized?
- 3) How would you define spiritual depth? Do you consider yourself to be a spiritually deep person?
- 4) Read the prayer of Philippians 1:9-11. What insights can you glean from this rich prayer?
- 5) How are you purposefully taking responsibility for your own spiritual depth this fall?
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?