



Series: *The Chosen*

Part 5 – Go Deep!
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- 1) We have examined the POVs from several of “The Chosen” (Little Children, Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene, Matthew, & Simon Peter – for a refresher, check out newstorychurch.com/messages). Which of those POVs was most impactful for you and why?
- 2) For many Christians (especially Western, post-Enlightenment Christians) the concept of “going deeper” in one’s faith journey usually assumes a more academic (sometimes even clinical) approach. How does this compare with Jesus’ own method of leading his disciples into more depth? And how might the following passages be considered in relation to this topic:
 - Matthew 13:13-15
 - John 5:39,40
 - 1 Corinthians 8:1b
- 3) Recent world events (wars and rumors of wars, natural disasters, global plague, civil unrest and division) have caused many (both believers and non-believers) to wonder if we are in the “End Times.” Read Matthew 24:3-8 and discuss. What is Jesus’ clear warning here and how can this apply to your life today?
- 4) Read Luke 5:1-11 aloud as a group and discuss what made the biggest impression on you. Next discuss how you think this encounter with Jesus deepened Simon Peter’s faith and the faith of those around him?
- 5) Where in your life must you demonstrate a “But because you say so, I will” (Luke 5:5) attitude?
- 6) Read and discuss how Matthew 16:13-20 and Luke 5:1-11 connect. Also discuss the concept of growing deeper in faith as a community (and not just an individual). Where and how do you see the aspect of growing deeper within the context and environment of community important? Why do you think God designed things this way?
- 7) *Deeper trust. Deeper obedience. Deeper confession. Deeper purpose.* Which of these 4 elements to deeper spirituality could you use some extra focus on these days? Share with your small group and spend a few more moments in prayer for each individual.