

DEEPER

- Opening Announcements
- Opening Prayer

Q: Have you ever gotten "deep" into something? (Ex: a hobby, a game, a movie, work)

Q: What's the process for "going deep" into something?

Table Time....

READ: Mark 4:21-25 "Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed, and not on a stand? ²² For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light. ²³ If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." ²⁴ And he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you. ²⁵ For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."

Q: When you think about this passage, why does Jesus use the analogy of a lamp?

Q: What is interesting/scary/powerful about verse 22?

Q: What does verse 23 mean?

Q: What's the commandment and the warning of verse 24?

Q: What's the right "measure"?

Q: What happens when we use the wrong measure?

Q: Why would going deeper into knowing, reading, obeying God's Word be helpful?

Big Group Debrief....

READ: 2 Timothy 2:14-15 "Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."

Q: According to verse 14, what should we be doing? Why is this important?

Q: According to verse 15, what should be the character of our life/focus/effort? (Note: some translations say: "Study to show thyself approved...". In the Greek the word we translate "do your best" means "to do something with intense effort and motivation").

Q: Why is applying yourself to God's Word with intensity and motivation important?

Q: Practically...what does THAT look like?

Q: What disciplines do YOU use to do this?

Q: Why is this sometimes difficult?

Q: What are some practical first steps?

Step 1: Plan

- Daily
- Answer: When, Where, How and Why?

Step 2: Prepare

- The price
- The procedure
- The Tools

Step 3: Get help

- Your Pastor
- Faithful Teachers
- Faithful TOOLS
 - Rightnow Media www.rightnowmedia.org
 - Bible Project www.bibleproject.com
 - BEMA Podcast www.bemadiscipleship.com
 - Issues Etc. www.issuesetc.org
 - SALVO Magazine www.salvomag.com
 - You Version Bible App www.youversion.com
 - LOGOS Software www.logos.com
 - Concordia Publishing House www.cph.org
 - AIC App www.aic.org
- Join A Bible Study with others

Step 4: Start

- Set a goal!
- Get a plan
- Stay Accountable

Step 5: Celebrate!