

## 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? <sup>22</sup> For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light. <sup>23</sup> If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.” <sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> 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](http://www.rightnowmedia.org)
  - Bible Project [www.bibleproject.com](http://www.bibleproject.com)
  - BEMA Podcast [www.bemadiscipleship.com](http://www.bemadiscipleship.com)
  - Issues Etc. [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org)
  - SALVO Magazine [www.salvomag.com](http://www.salvomag.com)
  - You Version Bible App [www.youversion.com](http://www.youversion.com)
  - LOGOS Software [www.logos.com](http://www.logos.com)
  - Concordia Publishing House [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org)
  - AIC App [www.aic.org](http://www.aic.org)
- Join A Bible Study with others

### **Step 4: Start**

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

### **Step 5: Celebrate!**