

DEEP



WIDE

SERMON NOTES



VINTAGE PRESS

Deep & Wide: Sermon Notes

Copyright © 2021 by Vintage Press

Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version® (ESV®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted, in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording, or otherwise, without prior written permission of the publisher.

Design, layout, and illustrations by Christopher Wilson.

INTRODUCTION

Vintage Church will grow deep by focusing on who we are becoming in Jesus and we will grow wide by focusing on who we are inviting into Jesus.

Jesus modeled the rhythm of the Christian life—deep and wide.

¹²In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. ¹³And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles: ¹⁴Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, ¹⁵and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

¹⁷And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

Luke 6:12–19

HOW DID JESUS GO DEEP?

JESUS RETREATED FOR INTIMACY WITH THE FATHER

¹²In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God.

Luke 6:12

- Withdrawing to pray was a regular habit for Jesus.

¹⁶But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

Luke 5:16

- Withdrawing to pray was Jesus' first response.

In Luke, Jesus prays before or during the most significant events of his life, and especially at decisive junctures in the unfolding of the plan of salvation.

James R. Edwards, *The Gospel According to Luke*, 185

- Withdrawing to pray included Jesus' silence, listening, and God's answer.

- "In prayer to God"

WHY DID JESUS GO DEEP?

- As the Son, Jesus had to intentionally pursue a relationship with the Father.
- As the Son, Jesus had to intentionally pursue dependence upon the Father.

OUR NEED FOR DEPTH

- Our Relationship with God
- Our Dependence upon God

The capacity to recognize the voice of God through the ministry of the Holy Spirit arises out of friendship with God that is sustained through prayer, silent listening and attentiveness to all that is going on outside us, inside us, and between us and God.

Ruth Haley Barton, *Invitation to Solitude and Silence*, 119

⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:5

HOW DID JESUS GO WIDE?

JESUS WAS RELEASED TO MINISTER TO PEOPLE

¹³And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles:

John 6:13

- People "came to hear him" (teaching) and "to be healed of their diseases" (healing) (v. 18).

WHY DID JESUS GO WIDE?

- As the Son, Jesus understood the mission of God.
- As the Son, Jesus obeyed the will of God.

For Luke, the focus of prayer is on God's kingdom. Jesus' disciples are to pray for God's rule and reign, a prayer that includes them in God's kingdom purposes as well. Prayer is less about presenting a list of personal wishes to God and more about coming to understand what God is doing and asking for the strength and courage to participate in that work.

Catherine J. Wright, *Spiritual Practices of Jesus*, 142

OUR NEED FOR WIDTH

- The Mission of God
- The Will of God

HOW WILL VINTAGE CHURCH GO DEEP & WIDE?

PRACTICING SPIRITUAL HABITS

As to 'means of grace' placed in our hands, well-directed action is the key. The disciplines of the spiritual life are simply practices that prove to be effectual in enabling us to increase the grace of God in our lives.

Dallas Willard, "Live Life to the Full"

QUARTERLY EQUIP NIGHTS

- Rule of Life: Sunday, February 7th, 5p
- Evangelism: Sunday, March 21st, 5p

GOAL

- By the end of the year every Vintage Partner will implement and practice at least 4 deep and wide habits.



HABITS		WEEKENDS		
Rule of Life Evangelism	QUARTER 1	Intro Jan 7 & 10	Jan 14 & 17	Jan 21 & 24
Silence & Solitude Service	QUARTER 2	April 8 & 11		April 15 & 18
Bible Reading & Prayer Generosity	QUARTER 3	July 8 & 11		July 15 & 18
Community Hospitality	QUARTER 4	Sept 30 & Oct 3		Oct 7 & 10