

1 Deeper – *Jesus*

INTRODUCTION

-Read 2 Peter 3:18

-Read Ephesians 4:15

-What different reactions may people have when challenged to grow in their spiritual life?

-Where does spiritual growth come from?

1. Unsearchable

-Read Romans 11:33

-What does this verse tell us about our growth in knowing Christ?

2. Ruling

-Why is it easy to believe that Jesus is the supreme ruler over all creation but yet struggle to believe that in your life?

-What things about your life might prove that you struggle in believing is in absolute control?

-Read Revelation 1:13-17

3. Saving

-Does Ephesians 2:1-6 show that we are wounded and need strength or that we are dead and need resurrected?

-Is our spiritual life and growth totally dependent upon Christ or do we just need a little push from him from time to time? (which one characterizes your life?)

4. Befriending

-Read John 15:15

-Write down some things that a friend does:

-How does knowing Jesus as a friend, help us grow?

5. Persevering

-What is a natural tendency in many human relationships?

-Read John 13:1

-What assurance and confidence does this verse give to us, even when fail so many times?

6. Interceding

-Read Romans 8:34

-Read Hebrews 7:25

-What is Jesus doing for you today?

7. Returning

-Read Acts 17:31

-Read 2 Thessalonians 1:7-8

-How does this expectation help us to grow in Christ?

8. Tender

-Read Matthew 11:29

-When Jesus describes himself, what is he wanting us to know?

-Why can it be difficult to believe that Jesus, the one who knows us through and through, is so tender to us?

-When you see Jesus in the Gospels:

1. Who does he hang out with?
2. What draws forth his tears?
3. What gets him out of bed in the morning? (One answer for all 4)
4. With whom does he eat lunch?

CONCLUSION

-Read Romans 5:20

-We will always be in need of spiritual growth and we will always fall short. How does Romans 5: 20 encourage us in our growth.

-We must be careful to never cut down Jesus to only what we can imagine!