



JESUS SAID TO PETER, "FOLLOW ME"

(Eph 3:17, Prov 20:5)  
I want to go deeper  
and deeper and deeper  
into You! Into Your love!  
Your love is like an ocean  
unfathomable depths  
but the gospel you give  
is an invitation  
to dive in and go  
deep! KNOW!  
I want to know  
You more! What I  
know is not enough... I want  
to lose myself and find You  
more and more. I want to  
go deep, Lord, after You.

**Going Deeper into Jesus**  
**A series at Christ Church to help**  
**each of us follow Jesus**

## Luke Chapter 5

<sup>1</sup> One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Genesareth,<sup>[a]</sup> the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. <sup>2</sup> He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

<sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

<sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

<sup>6</sup> When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

<sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, <sup>10</sup> and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." <sup>11</sup> So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

### Some prayers to use:

One thing I have asked and this is what I seek  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of  
my life and to seek him in his temple.

Who is that you seek?

I seek the Lord my God

Do you seek him with all your heart?

Amen Lord have mercy

Do you seek him with all your mind?

Amen, Lord have mercy

Do seek him with all your heart?

Amen Lord have mercy

Do you seek him with all your strength?

Amen Christ have mercy

Do whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life  
and we have come to know that you are the Holy one of  
God

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ,

King of endless glory.

Christ be with me

Christ before me

Christ behind me

Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me

Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me

Christ in every eye that sees me

Christ in every ear that hears me



*May the peace of Christ go with you; wherever he may send you; may he guide you through the wilderness: protect you through the storm; may he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you; may he bring you home rejoicing, once again into these doors.*

Jesus is on the shore of Lake Galilee. There are so many people pressing forward to hear him that he is in danger of falling in the Lake! He asks some fishermen if he can use their boat to teach from. So they allow him to get in their boat even though they are busy cleaning and mending their nets. They push off the boat a little from the shore and Jesus, bobbing up and down in the boat, teaches the crowds.

Jesus always calls us to put down what we are doing and follow him just a little bit further. The idea of the next two months in church on Sundays is to hear Jesus' call to us to go further with him. We are all different. Perhaps you have been a Christian for many years, Jesus still calls you. Maybe you are still searching, Jesus calls you too to listen to him. Perhaps you are a young person, following Jesus is the best path you can take as you grow up.

When Jesus is out a little way from the shore he turns to the fishermen and tells them to go out into the deep and let down their nets. Peter can't see the point of this but he still obeys. Our next eight weeks will look at 'going deeper'. I hope that you will use this little booklet to keep up with the series and write down each week one thing which God is saying to you about going deeper with him. It is a very exciting journey. When Peter and his friends went deeper and obeyed they caught a huge amount of fish and Peter was so humbled that he fell at Jesus' feet. At the end of our series I hope that is where we will be, at Jesus feet, amazed at what he wants us to do with him.

I hope that you will keep this little booklet somewhere safe, use it regularly as a little diary or a journal to record what God is saying to you. Philip

Your love is an ocean  
Its depth beyond knowing  
Your call to me is:  
Come in, come deep.  
*I want to go deep, Lord*  
*I want to go deep*  
*In Your ocean of love, Lord*  
*In the ocean of You*  
So take me now deeper  
I pray, in Your heart  
To know the fullness of  
Your love in Your Son  
*Oh take me now deeper*  
*Deeper in Your heart*  
*In the depths of Your love, Lord*  
*In the depths of Your Son*

3<sup>rd</sup> July Deeper into **telling people about Jesus**

Luke 10 vs 1 - 12 Romans 10 vs 14—15

Look back over the last weeks as we have gone deeper into Jesus. Are there areas which He is talking to you about?

Perhaps talk them over with a trusted friend?

If he is working in your life tell someone!

Would you like to begin praying for a friend or family member who is not a Christian? Write their initial here and agree with Jesus to pray for them each day.



*Jesus, fit on my feet, gospel shoes. Help me to go to places and people to tell them about the Good news of the love of God through Jesus. Make me bold, give me the right words to say. In Jesus name.*

HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF HIM WHO BRINGS GOOD NEWS

26<sup>th</sup> June Philip Huw

## Deeper into discipleship

Romans 12 vs 1- 20

“Don’t let the world squeeze you into its mould”

What holds you back from following Jesus?

Jesus tells us to deny ourselves, take up the cross and follow him.

To become a disciple is not simply about being set right with God individually, receiving the gift of eternal life and then waiting for heaven. It is about devoting ourselves to the service of others and to working for a just and wholesome society..... it means we must learn to be a generous church, giving the gifts and talents of our people in the service of others.. Bishop Steven

“Outreach starts from being church. Being a welcoming group. Being a place where the Spirit of Jesus reigns . Being aware that people have a God-shaped hole in them. Being a place of commitment and care . Being a safe place where people won’t talk behind your back.. And finally being a place which shouts, “You are needed here!”

Angels on the walls—Wallace Brown

## 8<sup>th</sup> May Putting out into the deep

Luke chapter 5 vs 1- 12

Is there a part of your life where you feel that God is calling you to go deeper?

### **Into prayer -**

Commit to starting and ending your day with prayer

### **Into relationships -**

Perhaps it is time to sort out a poor relationship in the past or the present

### **Into commitment to Jesus**

Maybe it is time to say to Jesus, yes, Lord, I will follow you

### **Into the Bible**

Make the Bible your daily friend, learn it and act on it!

### **Into the work of the Holy Spirit in your life**

The Holy Spirit works in us to make us more like Jesus

Ask him this week to come into your life in the practical things

### **Into repentance and forgiveness**

Maybe there is an area of your life which you need to confess and receive God’s healing forgiveness. ....

## 15<sup>th</sup> May “Going deeper into prayer”

Prayer is about getting to know Jesus better and to know how great his love is for us

One of the things I love to do is to pray prayers that Paul the apostle wrote – he gets so excited!

Why not use one of these prayers each day this coming week?

Monday Ephesians 1 vs 15 – 23 Pray that prayer for Christ-church

Tuesday Ephesians 3 vs 14 – 20 Pray for your family that they will know how big the love of Jesus is

Wednesday Philippians 1 vs 3 – 11 (Particularly verse 9 – pray that prayer with someone in mind)

Thursday Colossians 4 vs 2 – 4 Pray for those in the front line  
Yvonne at Rainbow’s End, Vanessa and Jill at Chocolate Box, Jeff Sanctuary

Friday Ephesians 6 vs 18 – 20 For church leaders spreading the gospel

Saturday Colossians 1 vs 9 - 14 Pray for yourself as you lead a life worthy of Jesus

Talking about the lack of prayer in churches Bishop Steven has written *“Do we think that we can do this church thing by ourselves? Are we able to navigate the immense changes we face on our own? Can we bless our society from our own resources? Do we not need God’s grace every moment in every community we are a part of?”*

19<sup>th</sup> June **Deeper into forgiveness** Hendrik, Vanessa

Matthew 18 vs 23 - 35

We can forgive because he has forgiven us.

“A Community that is full of mercy has the gift and grace of God to love the stranger... I once knew a man who walked his dog past church every Sunday morning for two years before he even had the courage to come in. His greatest need when he did eventually come in was to find mercy.” Bishop Steven



Is there someone you need to forgive?

Lord, help us to examine ourselves and see if we are willing to give all for you. Search our hearts and convict us where there is still fear, self-interest and lack of trust.

12<sup>th</sup> June The Day of Pentecost

## Deeper into the Spirit

John 14 vs 15 – 17

Have there been times in your life when you have needed help?

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Think of the ways in which Jesus helped people

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Jesus promises his foillowers that he would send them 'another helper' to be with them for ever. This Helper – the Holy Spirit – would be just like him

Write down an area in which the Helper could come along-side you.

Ask for prayer at the end of the service.

We need to learn that we become pure in heart as Christian people not by pulling ourselves up by own bootstraps or keeping a set of rules but by living in, and being transformed by God's grace and God's Holy Spirit. The Spirit is called holy because the Spirit's work is to transform our lives, to cleanse us from within, to bring out fruits or qualities, that again, are the very qualities of Jesus. Bishop Steven

22<sup>nd</sup> May Chris Hugh

## Going deeper into relationships

"Community life in the Christian church needs to be deep enough and real enough such that we meet one another and encourage one another in our journey. Who would not want to join a community where, through God's grace and the support of others, we learn to be more loving, more patient, more joyful and better able to direct and control our lives from within." Bishop Steven

Ephesians 4 vs 11 – 16

Mark 10 vs 35 – 45

*Is there something you would like to offer to the Christchurch community? (A gift you have for art, talking to people, washing up, love for young people, prayer, music....)*

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## Connect 5

Just an idea! Would you prepared to link with four other people across the congregations and commit to phone each one each week and pray for them each week? Once a month you would commit to meet for a cup of tea. Once every two months your connect 5 would meet with another connect group

*Lord, God when the hungry are fed, the sick healed, the lonely made family, the outcast brought in, the sinner forgiven, the tyrant transformed and the enemy reconciled, we know your work by the fruit it produces. May our lives bear fruit worthy of your name.*

29<sup>th</sup> May

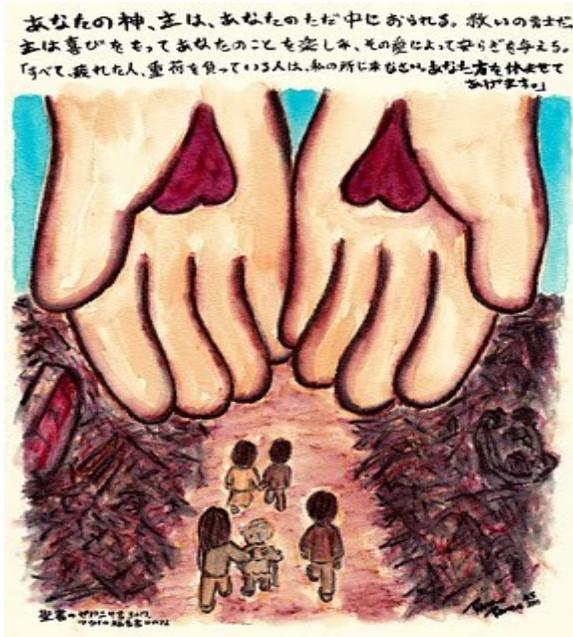
## Deeper into commitment to Jesus

Philippians 3 vs 7 – 16

Be honest! Put these in order of importance:  
Your job, your family, Christchurch, your life, Jesus, your hobby, your house

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God is not looking for our spare time or lose change. This is about the whole of our life. In response to God's grace we offer ourselves as a living sacrifice. Bishop Steven



This picture was painted by Japanese artist Ramone Romero after the Tsunami. He wanted to express his confidence in the love of God even in the middle of disaster. God's love also calls us to serve those in need.

5<sup>th</sup> June Frances

## Deeper into the Bible

Mark 4 vs 1– 20 2 Timothy 3 vs 10–17

There are lots of ways to help you read the Bible on a daily basis

Would you like to use Bible reading notes?

Would you value a short course on reading the Bible?

Would you like an audio Bible?

Bible MOT

How often do you read your Bible?

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How long for? .....

Write down a verse which spoke to you?



Jeff Steinberg Tiny Giant at Christ Church 6.30 5th June



Jeff is an amazing singer and evangelist. He comes on tour from the USA every year to work in prisons and churches. Jeff was born severely disabled and his testimony of how God has used him as his masterpiece is inspiring. Bring friends and family for an inspiring evening