

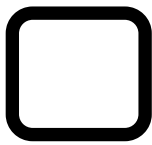
## GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

*Life application materials for use in Life Groups, home devotions, and other small*

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1. Give an example of something you really wanted as a child, but once you had it, you didn't really want it anymore.
  
2. The message this week was partially based on "Jesus and the Outcast Woman at the Well" from *The Chosen*. Google "The Chosen John 4" and watch it again as a group.
  - a. What did you find was most remarkable in this dramatic portrayal of John 4:1-26?
  
  - b. Our theme this week is "Deep Desire." Where do you see "deep desire" in this episode?
  
3. Deep desire for Jesus comes from his deep desire for us. Read Romans 5 and see how Paul makes clear the Savior's deep desire for you. Comment on the comfort found in the following phrases/verses. Or chose phrases from Romans 5 most meaningful to you.
  - a. "grace in which we now stand" (5:2)
  
  - b. "Christ died for the ungodly" (5:6)
  
  - c. "we were reconciled [enemies made friends]" (5:10)
  
  - d. "grace and the gift... overflow to the many" (5:15)
  
  - e. "one trespass resulted in condemnation... one righteous act resulted in justification" (5:18)
  
  - f. "where sin increased, grace increased all the more" (5:20).
  
4. Close with each person offering a one-sentence prayer for the miracle of a deeper faith like that of the woman at the well. Finish your prayers with the Lord's Prayer.



# NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points.

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## Go Deeper: A Study of I John

### Deep Love – Deep Understanding – Deep Desire

John 4:1-26; I John 2:15-17; 4:1-3,10

#### 1. Deep Love (I John 4:10)

*This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins (I John 4:10).*

- a. Deep – Past the shifting sand of our love
- b. Deep – Into the bedrock of the atoning love of Christ

#### 2. Deep Understanding

*Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world (I John 4:1-3).*

- a. Test the Rock
- b. Trust the Architect

#### 3. Deep Desire

*Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever (I John 2:15-17).*

- a. Desire to be seen
- b. Desire to remain

### Possible Next Steps

- **Go Deeper by watching:** Go deeper in your understanding of your Savior by watching *The Chosen*. Two seasons are complete. Watch for free by going to your Apple or Android app store and search “The Chosen.” It is also available on Prime Video and the first season is available on Netflix.
- **Go Deeper by attending:** Dig into the foundations of our faith with Pastor Nate in his *Following the Promise* Bible study. Contact him at [nstrobels@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:nstrobels@stpaulmuskego.org) or 414-422-032 ext. 140.
- **Go Deeper by reading/listening:** Join Pastor Pete in his daily reading/listening to the Bible. If you aren’t receiving his daily devotion email, contact him at [ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org).