

Wide Open (Part #4)

Awareness. Awe. Adventure.

“The Deep Journey In!”

2 Corinthians 6:11-13 (The Message) “Dear, dear Corinthians, I can’t tell you how much I long for you to enter this wide-open, spacious life. We didn’t fence you in. The smallness you feel comes from within you. Your lives aren’t small, but you’re living them in a small way. I’m speaking as plainly as I can and with great affection. Open up your lives. Live openly and expansively!”

“Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have swept over me.”—**Psalms 42:7**

“There’s no deep knowing of self without a deep knowing of God & No deep knowing of God without a deep knowing of self!”

What Will We Discover Down Deep?

***Darkness & Light!**

“For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing... ²²For in my inner being I delight in God’s law...”—**Romans 7:18-19; 21-22**

“The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? ¹⁰the LORD search the heart and examine the mind...”—**Jeremiah 17:9-10**

***Our Motives!**

“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”—**Psalms 139:23-24**

***What We Truly Love & Value!**

***That We Are Truly Loved & Valued!**

***Longing For Eternal Things!**

“He has also set eternity in the human heart.”—**Ecclesiastes 3:11**

***Predators: Shame; Guilt; Arrogance; Lies; Regret!**

***The Image Of God!**

Special Warnings...

***You Cannot Live Solely Inside Yourself!**

***Don’t Let Your Past Define You Even Though It Is Part Of Your Story!**

What Do We Need On This Deep Journey?

***Honesty & Transparency!**

***Community!**

***Truth, Love & Wisdom!**

“Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ...”—**Ephesians 4:15 (NLT)**

“Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. ⁷The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.”

—**Proverbs 4:6-7**

***God’s Word!**

***God’s Spirit!**

***Courage!**

***Ownership!**

“The desperate need today is not for a greater number of intelligent people, or gifted people, but for deep people.”—**Richard Foster**

“But whatever we gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake

I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death

—**Philippians 3:7-10**

JOIN US TODAY

Sunday, May 14th, 2017

Opening
PROOF OF YOUR LOVE

Welcome
**I AM NOT ALONE
NO LONGER SLAVES**

Prayer

Offering
SINKING DEEP

Message
THE DEEP JOURNEY IN!
Pastor Dean Ward



W I D E O P E N
A W A R E N E S S A W E A D V E N T U R E

PART 4 OF OUR CURRENT SERMON SERIES

GIVING BACK TO GOD

Giving back to God, cheerfully and sacrificially, is part of our worship. It's our way of putting God first in our finances and supporting the mission of The River throughout the year. The combined totals for both The River New Kensington and The River New Heights are listed.

	\$7,150.00 Needed Weekly	Attendance
April 16th	\$10,577.00	468
April 23rd	\$4,564.89	278
April 30th	\$7,734.40	292
May 7th	\$8,862.11	292

UPCOMING EVENTS

This Week		Next Week	
Sunday May 14	Mothers Day Photos Services 9:30am & 11:15am	Sunday May 21	12th Annual Car Show Services 10:45am
Wednesday May 17	The River's Edge Youth Group 6-8pm	Wednesday May 24	The River's Edge Youth Group 6-8pm

JUNE 11-29

WHITEHALL YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS

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JULY 17-21

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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CYBER STUDY

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9PM PHILIPPANS
BEGINNING FEB 13TH
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THE RIVER'S EDGE YOUTH GROUP

Wednesdays 6-8pm

Open to youth grades 7-12
Youth Pastor Brian Boker 724-594-7394
Every 2nd and 4th Sunday, the youth are encouraged to attend the 11:15 service. After the offering song, the youth will go into the Youth Room for their lesson.