

# STAFF DISCUSSION

## *Going Deeper*

### PART #1

### Scripture Reading

#### STEP ONE

As a staff, take a few moments to sit in total silence. Silence is a rare commodity and central to how God speaks with us.

#### STEP TWO

After some time in silence, have one person read the following scripture aloud:

#### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS CHAPTER 4: 11-16

"SO CHRIST HIMSELF GAVE THE APOSTLES, THE PROPHETS, THE EVANGELISTS, THE PASTORS AND TEACHERS, TO EQUIP HIS PEOPLE FOR WORKS OF SERVICE, SO THAT THE BODY OF CHRIST MAY BE BUILT UP UNTIL WE ALL REACH UNITY IN THE FAITH AND IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SON OF GOD AND BECOME MATURE, ATTAINING TO THE WHOLE MEASURE OF THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST"

Now, take a few moments in silence and then read it one more time.

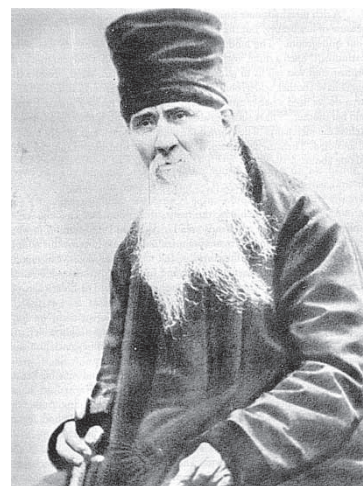
### Questions for Discussion

#### QUESTION ONE

As a staff are we growing in some small regular way each week in, '... knowledge of the Son of God?'

#### QUESTION TWO

In a small group share the different ways that you each encounter God through things such as music, poetry, books, silence. Take some time to discover the different ways Jesus is revealing himself to each of you.



The one who reads much and understands much, receives their fill. The one who is full, refreshes others.

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### PART #2

#### STEP ONE

Take a moment to read the following quote:

*"IT IS TRUE THAT BEING A CHRISTIAN MEANS SAYING, 'YES' TO JESUS CHRIST, BUT LET US REMEMBER THAT THIS YES HAS TWO LEVELS; IT CONSISTS IN SURRENDERING TO THE WORD OF GOD AND RELYING ON IT, BUT IT ALSO MEANS, AT A LATER STAGE, ENDEAVOURING TO KNOW BETTER AND BETTER THE PROFOUND MEANING OF THIS WORD."*

**POPE JOHN PAUL II - CATECHESI TRADENDAE PARAGRAPH 19**

#### STEP TWO

What do you think John Paul means by, "...the profound meaning of this word?"



Whoever bids other folks to do right, but gives an evil example by acting the opposite way, is like a foolish weaver who weaves quickly with one hand and unravels the cloth just as quickly with the other.

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### Staff Prayer

Dear Lord,

We pray this week for the grace to begin discovering the 'profound meaning' of your Word in our lives.

Help us to move patiently but deliberately beyond an initial 'yes' into discovering more and more of whom you are.

Give us the desire to seek you in the busyness of our lives.

Draw us toward the music, books, poetry, people or places in nature and stillness where you desperately want to reveal your presence to us.

We pray for the gift of desire to want to know you more and in so doing to share your presence with our students, families and with each other.

We ask this in your name.

Amen