

GOING DEEPER

Acts 18:24-19:7

THE STORY OF APOLLOS; THE DISCIPLES IN EPHESUS

Now, in this story, as in the story of Apollos, we see an example of disciples who were living in a state of not-quite-there-yet. They were trying to live an _____ kind of _____.

1. It's time to go deeper in your knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Acts says Apollo spoke with "great fervor." Fervor, in the Greek, means *boiling*. In other words, he was p_____.

Apollos was not only knowledgeable, he was teachable.

Whatever you know about the Christian life, there's more to know. We never stop learning.

I'm challenging you to make it your lifelong mission to grow deeper in your knowledge of J____, in your knowledge of S_____, in your knowledge of doctrine and theology — because what you don't know could be holding you back.

You can't understand the meaning of God's grace if you haven't learned what the W_____ teaches about grace.

2. It's time to go deeper in the Spirit-filled life.

God wants all believers to be filled with the Holy Spirit.-----

If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, you have the Holy Spirit.

But there is an experience beyond salvation that can take you deeper in your spiritual life. It's not that you get more of the Holy Spirit, it's that the Holy Spirit gets more of y_____.

It means that you surrender yourself completely to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and you surrender yourself completely to the l_____ of the Holy Spirit. Ref: Acts 1:8

If you're fighting a losing battle with life — and I know that some of us are — then the power you need for victory is available only through the Holy Spirit.

So I'm challenging you today to seek a deeper walk in the Spirit-filled life. This means, simply, that you begin every day by saying: *Holy Spirit, fill me now. I cannot live in my own power. I need your power. I surrender myself to the Lordship of Jesus, and yield myself to do your will.*

God wants each believer to be filled with the Holy Spirit ... to the extent that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are at work in your life.

3. It's time to go deeper in using your God-given gifts to serve others. Acts 1:8

God wants you to be filled with the Holy Spirit to the extent your life becomes all about serving others, and all about being a blessing to others.