

Deep and Wide Study Notes for Message on 31st January 2021.

Last week we considered being a church that thrives in the future. Today we thought about motivation. We considered apathy, and how it can creep into our relationship with God. Think about the question we posed:

'If ALL your gifts, passions, talents were fully alive and engaged with God, how would that affect your relationship with God?'

We suggested that, when bad times happen, we should focus on what's really important.

What aspects of faith in God are most important?

Ephesians 5 suggests we are to live in such a way that our lives and attitudes point to when God will make everything right - even if everything is NOT right.

What attitudes should those be?

We said that passion for God means being fully engaged with what's happening; wrestling with God, even in our doubts and troubles.

How do we do that?

Read **Ephesians 3 verses 14 to 19.**

If submission to God is our start line, how does the Apostle Paul show submission?

Paul prays that God's Spirit will give the Ephesians power. **What power does he mean? What is it for?**

We ended by saying, as a church, **what are we doing to reach people, to live out the message? What are we doing to offer comfort and hope, to spread joy? How can we improve?**