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- We need to go deeper in our relationship with people.
- Why are people important for our lives?
- What is wrong with isolation?
- What are the most important reasons for relationships?

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- **Ten keys to going into a deeper relationship with people.**
- **1. We need people to understand the character and nature of love.**
- **Love must be experienced and shared.**
- **What happens to a person if they don't experience love?**

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- **2. God has built in us the need for family and community.**
- **Therefore it is extremely important to have a deeper relationship with family, friends, and the church (the people of the congregation).**
- **How are we doing with this?**

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- **3. Synergy is the interaction or cooperation of two or more people, organizations, substances, or other agents to produce a combined effect greater than the sum of their separate effects.**
- **Synergy is a reason we need people.**

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- **4. The Church the Body of Christ.**
- **How is synergy an important part of being the Body of Christ?**
- **Why do you think the local church is important to “going deeper” as a Christian?**
- **Romans 12:4-8 1 Cor. 12 and 13**

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- **5. Going deeper individually is very important, but going deeper in the sense of being a team, an orchestra, or an organization is also very important?**
- **What does teamwork teach you?**
- **An orchestra? An organization?**

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- **6. Going deeper in Christian ministry.**
- **Ephesians 4:11-12**
- **All of us as Christians are ministers that is servants of Christ to one another.**
- **How can we develop our ministry?**

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- **7. Commitment to a deeper understanding of the interests of people.**
- **Philippians 2:1-5**
- **Why is this important?**
- **What would happen if we all did this?**

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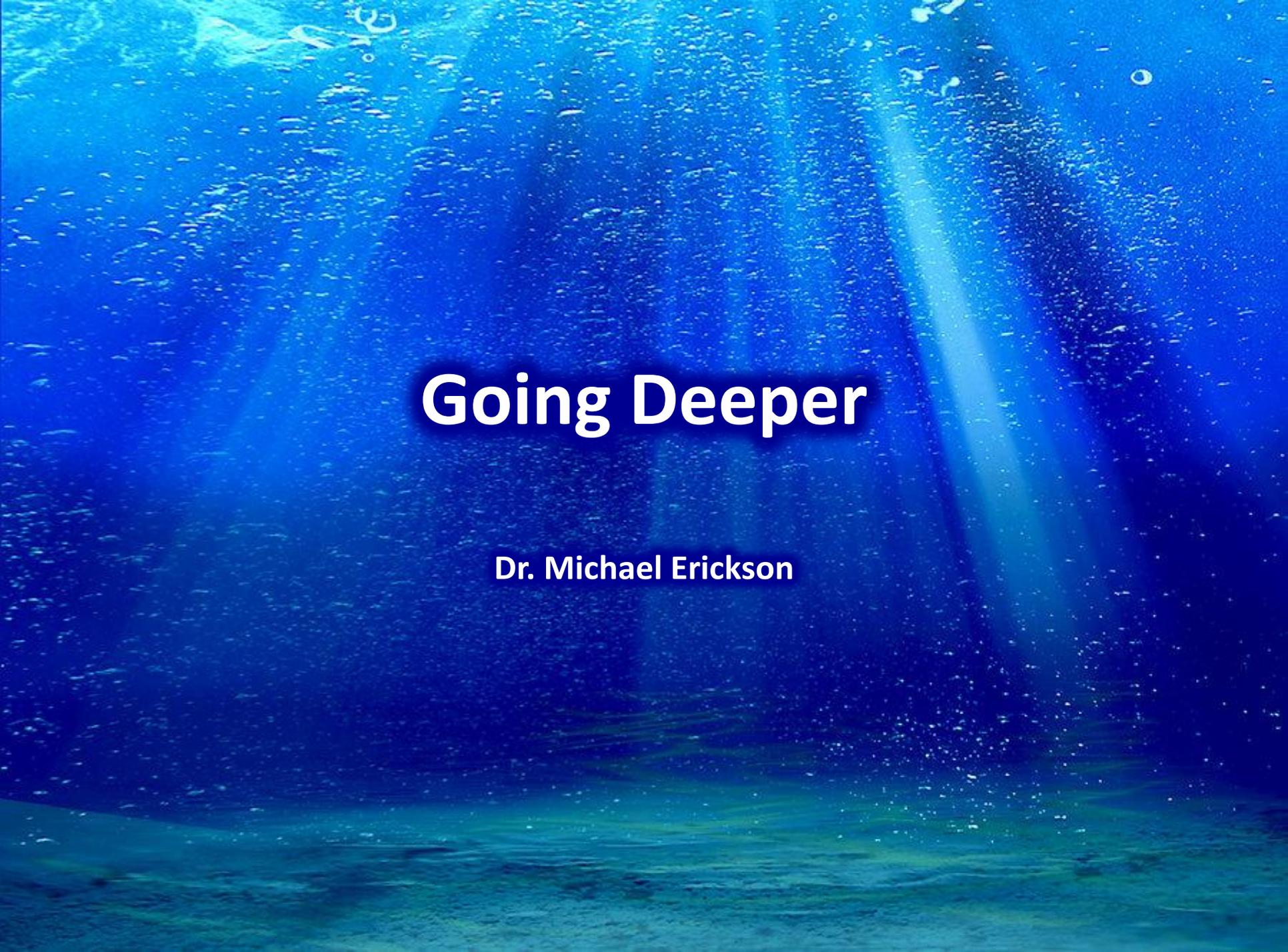
- **8. Be transparent with your closest trusted friends.**
- **You are not designed to have a deep relationship with everyone.**
- **A deeper relationship with your friends requires transparency.**
- **How important is transparency?**

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- **9. Going deeper with people requires a servants heart.**
- **Matthew 20:25-28 / 23:11-12
Mark 9:35 John 13:12-17**
- **What happens if your heart is not in serving God and people but you do it anyway?**

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- **10. Keeping a balanced life.**
- **Going deeper personally with God.**
- **Going deeper with relationships with family and friends.**
- **Going deeper with the Body of Christ.**
- **How do we manage this?**

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