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WORSHIPing, GROWing, and SERVing leads to Deep and Wide.  
**Deep** being love of God and **Wide** being love of neighbor.

*<sup>6</sup> 25 At that time Jesus prayed this prayer: "O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike. 26 Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way! 27 "My Father has entrusted everything to me. No one truly knows the Son except the Father, and no one truly knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." 28 Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light." (Matthew 11.-25-30 NLT)*

**The reasons Jesus gives for being our teacher:**

- 1) Jesus is humble - not coercive
- 2) Jesus is gentle - love you where you are and love you too much to leave you there.
- 3) Jesus' yoke ("what I ask you to do") is easy/kind. Easy because Jesus shares the yoke with us and kind because his way is generous, helpful and thinks of others. In other words...the focus of Jesus' teaching is your well-being as well as the well-being of others.

**Ways we can learn from Jesus:**

- 1) words (e.g.. Matthew 5-7, John 14-17)
- 2) actions (healing, feeding, forgiving, sacrificing, weeping, and more)
- 3) gentleness (love you where you are and too much to leave you there)

GK Chesterton said, "*Christianity has not been tried and found wanting. It rather has been found difficult and left untried.*"

Unwillingness to adopt the posture of humility, or as Jesus say, childlike faith,  
is the greatest hinderance to our growing in Christ.

**Do you have a 1/3/12/70?**

- (1) 1 on 1 dialogue with God regularly (ie. devotion life)?
- (3) group of people who know you completely and love you anyway? People willing to tell you when you messed up and hold you accountable?
- (12) GROW group? Sunday school, UM Women's Circle, Chancel Choir or some other place where you learn together and care for one another?
- (70) Church community to be involved in?

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