

MORE+Together

Week 1

Wherever you are in your relationship with God, there's **MORE**.

A WORSHIPPING
COMMUNITY OF
MISSIONAL **DISCIPLES**.

John 10:10b [NIV]

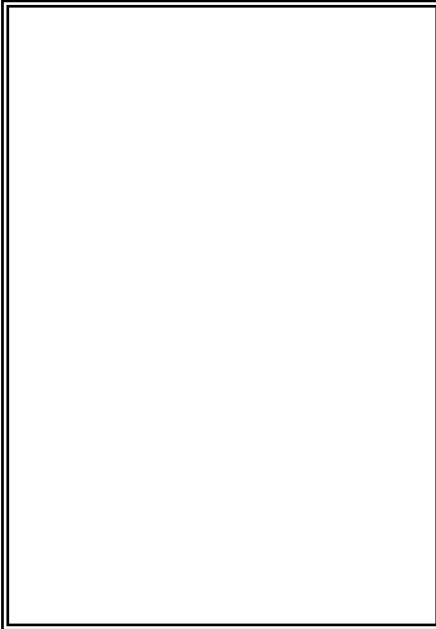
"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

- Jesus

LIVE...
♥ LOVED
♻️ LINKED
🌍 SENT

Ephesians 3:5-6 [MSG]

⁵⁻⁶ None of our ancestors understood this. Only in our time has it been made clear by God's Spirit through his holy apostles and prophets of this new order. The mystery is that people who have never heard of God and those who have heard of him all their lives (what I've been calling outsiders and insiders) stand on the same ground before God. They get the same offer, same help, same promises in Christ Jesus. The Message is accessible and welcoming to everyone, across the board.



Ephesians 3:8-19 [MSG]

8-12 And so here I am, preaching and writing about things that are way over my head, the inexhaustible riches and generosity of Christ. My task is to bring out in the open and make plain what God, who created all this in the first place, has been doing in secret and behind the scenes all along. Through followers of Jesus like yourselves gathered in churches, this extraordinary plan of God is becoming known and talked about even among the angels!

11-13 All this is proceeding along lines planned all along by God and then executed in Christ Jesus. When we trust in him, we're free to say whatever needs to be said, bold to go wherever we need to go. So don't let my present trouble on your behalf get you down. Be proud!

14-19 My response is to get down on my knees before the Father, this magnificent Father who parcels out all heaven and earth. I ask him to strengthen you by his Spirit—not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength—that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite him in. And I ask him that with both feet planted firmly on love, you'll be able to take in with all followers of Jesus the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love. Reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God.

**What you KNOW of God is not the end
of what there is to KNOW.**

Ephesians 3:20-21 [MSG]

20-21 God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us.

*Glory to God in the church!
Glory to God in the Messiah, in Jesus!
Glory down all the generations!
Glory through all millennia! Oh, yes!*

→ Where is Jesus inviting you to [MORE](#)?



LOVE
MORE



RESTORE
MORE



IMAGINE
MORE

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21 [NIV]

Notes:

We exist to connect people to God, to each other & to their purpose.



*authentic
love*



*radical
generosity*



*hopeful
partnership*



*intense
spirituality*



*faithful
risk*



*passionate
mission*

How to receive the OFFER, HELP and PROMISES in Jesus:

- 1) Admit that you, like everyone, are in need of rescue through Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive full life in God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live in the fullness of following you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.

For Further Reflection:

:: Share how you first connected with the Heritage family and one way that it has impacted your spiritual journey.

:: Pastor Shawn said, “Wherever you are in your relationship with God, there’s more.”

:: Why is that a true statement? How do we know that?

:: What are realities or implications of that truth?

:: What are some practical ways to live into that “more” every day?

:: What happens if we aren’t willing or never do that?

:: Review what it means to live “life to the full” in Jesus. (ref. John 10:10)

:: Read/Review Ephesians 3.

:: What do you find most encouraging in Paul’s words?

:: What do you find most challenging in what he’s saying?

:: What part of this passage are you most drawn to? Why?

:: As a church family, we have unique opportunities to love more, restore more & imagine more in the days ahead. Which of those sounds most appealing? Why?

:: What is one thing you can do this week to better position yourself to lean into the “MORE” God has for us as His people?

:: Invite someone you trust to pray for you & encourage you as you do it.

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