



There is more ...

A Spiritual Journey
to Infinitely More



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Now all glory to God, **who is able**, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish **infinitely more** than we might ask or think.

Ephesians 3:20 NLT

There is more . . .

is a church-wide journey to inspire us to live and give beyond ourselves. This journey includes a six-week message series, small group experience, and daily devotional. No matter where we are in our walk with Christ, He's always encouraging and inspiring each of us to take our next step and to see Wichita experience the *real Jesus*.

Together, we'll grow in our relationship with God and build our faith as we look beyond where we are to infinitely more. Join us as we discover that there is more God wants to do in our faith, family, church, and community.

A Spiritual Journey to Infinately More

Spiritual Journey

Thank you for going on this journey with us called *There Is More*. From the beginning of Vima Church, we have taken spiritual journeys together. It's something our whole church participates in, from the adults to our students and children. We do this because we believe there is something God wants to do in every one of us as we participate in this journey together.

I want to encourage you to fully commit to this church-wide journey over the next six weeks. Bring this guide with you every week, join a *There is More* Small Group, commit to the daily devotionals, and don't miss a single Sunday of this series. I promise you that you will not regret it. With God's help, and your participation, we will see this vision become a reality. Individually each of us will make an impact, but when we do it together we will leave an even greater legacy that will impact generations to come.

Thank you again for committing to this journey with us as we discover that there is more God wants to do in our faith, family, church, and community. I'm praying that you will encounter God in a new and amazing way.



Jon Morris

Founding & Lead Pastor

Stories Of Lives Changed

Throughout this Guide, you will find stories of changed lives from our own people at Vima Church. These stories remind us of the incredible things God is continually doing through our church to reach people for Jesus and help them find belonging in a spiritual family. We hope these stories inspire and encourage you as we go on this journey together!

Share Your Story

Be sure to let us know what God speaks to you during *There Is More*. Share your thoughts and stories with us at vima.church/more



How To Use This Guide

The *There Is More* Guide has everything you need to go on the journey.

Weekly Message Notes

Each week begins with fill-in-the-blanks from the weekend message and a place to take your own notes. Use this space to jot down anything God speaks to you during the message series.

Small Group Guides

Next, you will find the key thought, key verse, and discussion questions you will use in your Small Group during the week. Be sure to bring your Guide with you to your Small Group. Not in a Small Group yet? Find one near you by visiting vimachurch.churchcenter.com/groups

Daily Devotional

Finally, you will find the devotional we will read together as a church, beginning Monday, October 7. The daily devotional takes place five days a week, Monday through Friday. Spend a few minutes reflecting on the questions each day. In addition, there is a place where





Our Vision

A Permanent Church Home

Since 2019, Vima Church has had one simple goal: to see Wichita experience the Real Jesus. We believe that the Local Church is more than just a place you go to, an event you attend, or some activity on your to-do list; it's a place to belong, a spiritual family. Over the last four and a half years, hundreds of people have found belonging in a spiritual family as God has continued to grow His church. We started here in this theater on January 26, 2020 and six weeks later, a global pandemic hit. In spite of a not-as-planned start, we have seen God use Vima Church to reach so many amazing people who have found belonging in Jesus and the Local Church. Through every season of growth the vision of VIMA has remained the same. More than ever before, we are excited about reaching people and inviting them into our spiritual family. There is a place for you and your family to share in the vision!

Over the last
4.5 years...

1,670
CONNECTION
CARDS FILLED

604

SALVATIONS

60 Child
Dedications

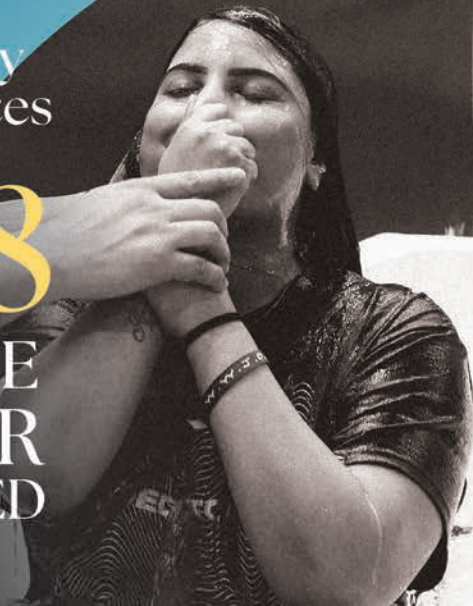
FROM 205 TO 643

Average Weekly Attendance

From 1 to 3 Weekly
Services

108

PEOPLE
WATER
BAPTIZED



Project Overview

With unprecedented growth in all ministry areas of our church, there is certainly cause for celebration! However, with the continued growth comes challenges that can impact our guest and regular attender experience and ultimately influence how we reach people and build families in Wichita. To continue caring for every person who walks in the doors we need to find a permanent church home.

There is More is an all-church campaign designed to meet the \$1.5M needed to fund the build-out and renovations on our new home. As a church, we are hoping to purchase a property that already has some basic components of what we would need for a home. With our diligence financially for the first four years and our ability to finance some, our goal is to purchase something that we can renovate and meet our current needs and give room for more growth.

Total Project Estimated	\$4M <i>(approx.)</i>
Total Financed:	\$2.5M <i>(approx.)</i>
Total Need:	\$1.5M <i>(approx.)</i>
Estimated Timeline:	Late Spring 2025



Our Why

To create greater worship capacity for more people to experience the real Jesus at the prime Sunday worship times.

To have a dedicated and intentional space to impact and invest in the next generation.

To expand our community spaces for better spiritual and relational growth.

To move into our first permanent church home – a space designed to fit the personality and ministries of Vima Church.

To increase our faith as God leads each of us on a spiritual journey of *infinitely more*.

To offer a safe and accessible place to serve families throughout the week.

Your Opportunity

The *There Is More* campaign is a three-year journey designed to meet the need of a permanent church home for Vima Church. We recognize this God-sized task is far beyond the ability of any one person, but everyone can do something. Reaching our need of \$1.5 million to secure financing will take all of us. The Pledge Card you will receive during this series is a challenge to be prayerfully and financially involved in the vision of the *There Is More* campaign by making a financial pledge over a period of time towards this vision.

You will have the opportunity to make a pledge commitment over and above your regular tithes. We will all return our pledges together during services on Pledge Sunday (November 3). The following week is Miracle Offering Sunday (November 10), where we will all bring our best cash gift towards our total pledge. This is a part of your overall commitment to the project. All gifts received that weekend will go directly to the cash on hand we need to kick start these projects.

As you pray about how much God might want you to give, we encourage you to embrace this as a spiritual journey with God. The amounts will differ for each person, but everyone can do something by completing a pledge card and returning it during Pledge Sunday. To help visualize your pledge's impact over time, reference the chart on the right. Individually each of us will make an impact, but when we do it together, we will leave an even greater legacy that will impact generations to come.

THIS CHART SHOWS THE IMPACT YOUR GIFT CAN HAVE OVER 3 YEARS.

TOTAL GIFT*	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	WEEKLY
\$1,000,000	\$333,333	\$27,778	\$6,410
\$750,000	\$250,000	\$20,833	\$4,808
\$500,000	\$166,667	\$13,889	\$3,205
\$250,000	\$83,333	\$6,944	\$1,603
\$100,000	\$33,333	\$2,778	\$641
\$75,000	\$25,000	\$2,083	\$481
\$50,000	\$16,667	\$1,389	\$321
\$25,000	\$8,333	\$694	\$160
\$10,000	\$3,333	\$278	\$64
\$5,000	\$1,667	\$139	\$32
\$2,500	\$833	\$69	\$16
\$1,000	\$333	\$28	\$6

**Three (3) annual total gifts through November 10. Calculation approximations are based on 36 months (156 weeks).*

Creative Ways To Give

Gifts In-kind / Appreciable Assets

Stocks, bonds, real estate and other assets provide ample giving opportunities coupled with considerable tax savings. Our Finance Team will help you donate appreciable assets, give stocks in certificate form, and make broker-to-broker transfers to optimize charitable contribution benefits and capital gains savings.

Automatic Contributions

By signing up for online giving, either through your bank or our website, you can ensure your gift is automatically transferred on the day(s) of your choosing. This is an easy way to make your giving hassle-free and consistent.

Cash Flow Gifts

You can give significantly by contributing smaller amounts at higher frequencies. Weekly, bi-monthly or monthly giving allows substantial gifts to be reached in smaller steps.

Diverted-Funds Gifts

Some easy lifestyle adjustments can help allow you to increase your giving to God's work. Diverting funds from your budget for entertainment, dining out, subscriptions, etc., can help you free up funds to have a significant impact on your giving.

Delayed Non-Essential Purchases

Forgoing some big purchases, such as automobiles, vacations, clothing, trips, etc., for a few years can create substantial giving opportunities.

Raises, Bonuses, Extra Work Income

Dedicating forthcoming raises or bonuses is a creative method for increased giving. Taking a second or part-time job, utilizing your marketable hobbies or skills, or working overtime can create extra revenue you can funnel into God's kingdom.

Income-Producing Assets

Any interest income, payments from rental properties, or monies from other income-producing assets can provide a source for increased giving.

Special Sales

Consider selling unused items, hosting a garage sale or holding an online auction and giving the proceeds toward *There Is More*. The sale of major assets, such as a house, car, land or a business can also provide previously untapped revenue for giving.

Tax Refunds & Savings

Added giving to Vima Church can create tax savings. By giving these tax refunds and savings back to God's work, you can increase your total giving.

Freedom From Debt

As you look ahead to the next couple of years, you may discover some current loans or debt obligations that will be fulfilled. By investing the money you would have been paying on a car or credit card balance once it's paid off, you can free up additional funds to give.

Charitable Giving Resources

Reviewing your charitable gifts in light of the kingdom of God affords a resource for significant giving. For example, you might usually give to other causes and non-profits. Consider diverting those gifts to *There Is More* during your pledge, and resume these contributions afterward.

Corporate Gifts

You might be able to make a significant donation by using the products or services of your business as a resource for giving.

**For additional assistance regarding your contributions or to make bequests and charitable planned gifts, please email us at hello@vima.church*

Key Dates & Events

OCT
06

There is More: Week One
+ Vision Sunday

OCT
13

There is More: Week Two
+ Worship & Prayer Night at 6pm

OCT
20

There is More: Week Three

OCT
27

There is More: Week Four

NOV
03

There is More: Week Five
+ Pledge Sunday • All Services

NOV
10

There is More: Week Six
+ Miracle Offering Sunday • All Services

Get Ready

- ✓ Mark Your Calendars
- ✓ Attend Every Week
- ✓ Join A Small Group

Week One Infinitely More

Message Notes

Infinitely More

Ephesians 3:20, Matthew 6:33

Three Foundations to Infinitely More:

1. _____ is Infinitely More.
Matthew 13:58, Revelation 1:6-8
2. _____ are Infinitely More.
Genesis 1:27, Isaiah 9:6, John 1:18, John 3:3, John 3:16, Galatians 3:26
3. The _____ is Infinitely More.
Ephesians 3:20

Hebrews 11:16

Three Questions of Faith:

1. What will God do if I do _____?
2. What would God do if I _____ something?
3. What could God do through me if I _____?

Small Group Discussion Guide

The Big Idea

Each of us along our journey in life encounter defining moments and these moments determine the course of our lives. Why? Because they require us to choose. In the Christian life the choices are clear. Will we choose to live our way or will we choose to live God's way. Our choice will determine whether our lives are mundane or infinitely more than we could ever imagine.

Things To Remember

"The world around us is shouting for our attention with answers to our search for meaning but only when we join God's Work & Mission will we ever really be satisfied."

"When you surrender your life to Jesus, you are no longer an image of God but a son or daughter of God."

"Every time God's church expands, God brings infinitely more into our lives."

Small Group Discussion

1. **Discuss** Does living God's way always require surrender? Explain.
2. **Discuss** Has there ever been a moment in your life when you fully surrendered to God and His ways? Tell us about it.
3. **Discuss** When God asks you to surrender, He always has your best interest in mind. Have you witnessed this in your life? How does that help you trust Him more?

Monday

October 10, 2022

Now to the one who can do infinitely more than all we can ask or imagine according to the power that is working among us.

Ephesians 3:20 ISV

Have you ever received a gift or experienced a surprise that you didn't expect? Think back to the feeling you experienced at that moment. Really let it wash over you. Now think a little *More* about the fact that what God wants to do in you, for you, and through you will blow away even the most amazing surprises you've ever experienced. But like most things that come from God, it requires our participation, and it takes faith. One of the things about this passage that builds the most faith is that Paul is praying that the 'infinitely *More*' that God has for His people will be felt throughout future generations.

When you think about God doing *More* than you could ask or imagine, do you think about future generations? Are you limiting your expectations of God to what you perceive or hope for? Letting the power of God work through you means that you have to believe for *More* than seems possible. As it has been said, if your dreams are within your reach, your dreams are too small.

Before you wrap up, take a moment to pray and ask God to increase your faith. Pray for His power and strength to overwhelm your natural mind and inspire you to believe for the unbelievable.

What is God saying to me?

How can I apply it?

Talk to God about it:

Tuesday

October 11, 2022

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:33 NIV

We live in a time where so many things pull us in so many different directions all the time. While it's easy to blame it on the pace of modern society, the truth is we get pulled often because we want to be. While you may be getting pulled *More* and *More* into work, and hobbies and family, the reality is much of what we chase after is out of order. What the Bible teaches is that there is an order to what we seek after. And it all starts with seeking first His kingdom. But what does that mean?

It can mean a lot of things, but it certainly means putting your focus on God's word, God's will, and God's ways. It means prioritizing time in the word each day. It means praying and talking to Jesus *More* than you talk to anyone else. It also means prioritizing your time with spiritual family. Part of seeking first His kingdom means putting Him first with your time, talent, and treasure. It means faithfully, joyfully and consistently giving back to the Lord from what He has given you. It means showing up and worshipping and growing together. And it means inviting the Holy Spirit into your decisions.

So today, choose to put God's Word and His Kingdom first. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you what in your life is coming ahead of His kingdom. He will show you if anything is out of order; your job is to respond in faith and reorder your life with everything behind the Kingdom.

What is God saying to me?

How can I apply it?

Talk to God about it:

Wednesday

October 12, 2022

And so he did only a few miracles there because of their unbelief.

Matthew 13:58 NLT

Have you ever really considered that even Jesus was limited in what He could do because of the lack of faith in the people around Him? It's deep to really meditate on that, but it is absolutely true. Jesus, the son of God, was limited because of a lack of faith. It's important we understand that the limitation was not on the power of God but in the participation or lack thereof from people. While God is all-powerful and able to do whatever He wants, He chooses to work in and through people *More* than anything else. So often, God is ready to move, but He needs someone to move through. He needs someone to believe and say yes, and that is still true today. God has so much *More* in store for you than you could possibly imagine, but you have to be ready to participate.

Take a moment and pray that God would increase your faith and that He would show you where there is a lack of faith. Ask Him to remove any barriers of unbelief in your heart and mind and overwhelm you with faith for *More*! May it be said of you that God did many miracles in and through you because of your great faith!

What is God saying to me?

How can I apply it?

Talk to God about it:

Thursday

October 13, 2022

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.

Galatians 3:26 NIV

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God...

Ephesians 2:8 NIV

If you haven't gotten the picture of just how important faith is, Paul makes clear in these two passages that it is through faith that we are saved and become sons and daughters of God. What this tells us is that the most important things in life begin and end in faith. Everything we do that matters is a matter of faith. As you press into believing for *More*, it's important to be sure that you first exercise faith in the person of Jesus. Before we can believe for anything, we must believe in someone. That someone is Jesus.

Today, take a moment to pray, not just for something but to someone. Ask Jesus to increase your faith in Him. In the reality of His existence, in the reality of His love and in the reality that through Him, you are a son or daughter of the Most High God. Pray for the Holy Spirit to give you faith first and foremost to follow Jesus as a child of God. Once you experience, by faith, the genuine love of the Father for you, having faith for other things will come much *More* readily!

What is God saying to me?

How can I apply it?

Talk to God about it:

Friday

October 14, 2022

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Hebrews 11:6 NKJV

You made it to Friday! It's only fitting that on this day, we would look at what it means to be diligent. As our passage for today says, without faith it is impossible to please God, and He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. The reminder in this passage is that we have a part to play in the activation of our faith. It reminds us that it is in fact, rewarding for us to diligently spend time with God. The maker of everything seen and unseen actually wants to spend time with you! He loves you and wants to connect with you in a deep way. He wants to reveal Himself to you along with His plans for His kingdom. Psalm 103:7 tells us that God revealed His acts to the people of Israel but He made known His ways to Moses. Some people only seek after the things that God can do for them- His acts, so to speak. But the writer of Hebrews tells us that reward comes from seeking Him, not just what He can do.

So as you wrap up this week of faith, take a moment to pray and confess with your mouth that you don't just want something from God, but you want God himself. As James says, if you draw near to Him, He will draw near to you.

What is God saying to me?

How can I apply it?

Talk to God about it:



Megan's Story

My name is Megan Cruz, our family has been going to Vima for about 3 years.

Daniel and I got married and got pregnant with our first daughter fairly quickly. The first year of our marriage was the hard to say the least. I had found out about infidelity in our marriage weeks after finding out we were pregnant with Emery. Through the pain I had nowhere else to turn, as I couldn't revert back to my old ways of coping due to being pregnant, I had to search for healing and restoration in God. It was only through Him and some intense therapy that we were able to have full restoration of our marriage. I like to say God and Emery saved not only my life but also, our marriage.

After coming to Vima we became regular attendees and decided it was God's will for our family to make Vima our home church. I decided to attend Next Step and dive into serving, as well as declaring my intention of turning from my old ways, forgiving myself for my past mistakes, forgiving myself for turning away from God and embracing my personal relationship with Him that I had found in water baptism.

In the midst of this, I was faced with some daunting medical news that I had a mass in my chest. The day of my scans to get a game plan for treatment moving forward. I went to the altar for 21 Days of Prayer, falling to my knees, sobbing, and declaring that I knew the Lord had

more for my life; He'd brought me this far; this wasn't the end of the road for me.

Going in to my scans that afternoon, the nurse showed me her images and showed me the mass telling me the radiologist would come in and take a few more to go over what they'd found. The radiologist came in, took scans, and found no mass. The mass had quite literally disappeared. There was no explanation for this other than the Holy Spirit had healed me.

If God can preform a miracle like this for someone who has such a messy past, who strayed from God completely, wrote him off, and questioned his entire existence, he can and will bring anyone through anything they are facing.





Week Two
God's Perspective

Message Notes

God's Perspective

Ephesians 3:20, Matthew 6:33

Who _____ It All?

Psalms 24:1

A steward is not an owner, but a _____ over something owned by another.

Understanding God's Perspective:

Matthew 25:14

1. God Owns _____.
Matthew 6:21, Proverbs 4:23, Matthew 25:15-16
2. God expects us to _____ what He gives us.
Matthew 25:20-23
3. God holds us _____.
Matthew 25:24-30
4. We must not take lightly what God _____ to us.
5. Stewardship starts with _____.

Small Group Discussion Guide

The Big Idea

God set the stars in the sky and put the sun and moon in their place. He created everything on Earth for us to enjoy and yet still beckons further towards more than we could ask for or imagine, infinitely more. We can't see His Plan without His perspective and embracing our role as caretakers or stewards of all He puts in our hands.

Things To Remember

“God is the owner and we are the stewards.”

“What you really believe is what you do, not what you say.”

“We must never allow ourselves to be paralyzed by fear or we will not steward and invest properly and we will miss God’s Will in our finances.”

Small Group Discussion

1. **Discuss** Have you ever felt like God was taking you on a spiritual journey? What was the fruit of that season in your life?
2. **Discuss** Are you willing to put yourself into uncomfortable, unfamiliar territory? What does that look like for you?
3. **Discuss** In what area of your life do you need your faith to grow?

Monday

October 17, 2022

“The earth is the Lord’s, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.”

Psalm 24:1 ESV

Everything with God begins with surrender. Simply put, if you want to live God’s way, then you have to embrace a life of surrender to God. As the Psalmist says, everything seen and unseen comes from Him. It’s not that your choice to acknowledge that makes it true. It’s true whether you believe it or not. But when you come into agreement with truth, you find yourself in a position to be used by God and blessed by God. Throughout the Bible, you can find a common theme: The people who lived lives of great purpose and meaning were the ones who put God first and chose a life of surrender. Though they were always growing, they never outgrew that lifestyle.

“Surrender” is not exactly a word that evokes a lot of excitement. It feels *More* like a symbol of defeat, like raising the white flag or giving up. Especially if you come from a sports or military background, the idea of surrender is an idea you’ve spent a lot of time pushing out of your mind. But that is because in sports and military, surrender is associated with defeat. The interesting thing about God is that He never forces us to surrender and surrendering to God is the opposite of defeat. It’s actually the act that allows you to be empowered to win. It is in the act of surrendering to Jesus that we get His love, His power, His strength, His vision, His plans, His ways, and ultimately, it’s how we make an impact on the world around us.

Think back on your life for a moment. Have you truly surrendered yourself to Jesus? Not just some of your life, but all of who you are, completely surrendered to Him? Have you gotten past just singing "Jesus Take the Wheel" and actually given Him the keys to the car that is your life? Make no mistake about it; the journey of faith is a journey of surrender. You have to surrender what’s in your power in order to

gain what is not. Take a moment today and pray. Tell the Lord that whatever it is He wants, He can have. Then ask Him what He wants and wait in silence for Him to speak. He will show you the parts of your life that aren't surrendered. And when He does, the best thing you could possibly do is lay down those parts of your life. Give them to Him and watch Him make a miracle out of your mess.

What is God saying to me?

How can I apply it?

Talk to God about it:

Tuesday

October 18, 2022

“His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Share your master’s joy.’

Matthew 25:23 CSB

The importance of faithfulness in the economy of heaven can't be overstated. The parable of the talents illustrates so clearly that God wants... no... God demands that we not just sit on what He gives us but that we do something with it. Sometimes what God gives us is finances; sometimes, it's a talent like speaking, leading, playing an instrument, writing software, counseling, teaching, and *More*. Underneath all of this is in fact, a life that is surrendered to God. In the parable, the servants aren't asked to multiply the investments for their own benefit but for the benefit of the master. In the same way, our entire lives are a gift to us from our master, and He is asking us to give that life back to Him. As we look deeper into what it means to live a life of surrender, we will look at the life of Abraham.

In Genesis 12, God tells Abraham to pack up everything and move to a faraway land. But, instead of providing a specific plan and a specific destination, God says, “to the land I will show you.” In other words, Abraham has to obey God while also not having a complete understanding of where He's going and how to get there.

Sometimes we can think of Abraham as a young man out trying to make it on His own and encountering God, but this isn't the case. At the time that God called Abraham, he was already seventy-five years old. At that age, most people are ready to retire, not go on an unknown trek to an unknown land! Not only was Abraham old, but he was also successful. He was wealthy and had built a nice life for himself. He had servants, livestock, and influence. Yet, God called Abraham away from all that, asking him to risk it all and follow Yahweh God to a land he didn't even know.

Just like Abraham, maybe you have worked hard to carve out a nice life for yourself and your family. Or maybe you are working on a plan to that end. But what if God interrupted your plans and asked you to risk it all—to go on a journey of faith even if you couldn't even see how you would get there and what it would cost you? Could you do it? Would you do it?

Take a moment today to pray and ask God to show you if He has your heart or if your own hopes, plans, and aspirations have your heart. Ask Him to create in you the willingness to surrender your plans for His plans. The amazing thing about God is that when we surrender ourselves to Him, we always gain *More* in the end.

What is God saying to me?

How can I apply it?

Talk to God about it:

Wednesday

October 19, 2022

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

Genesis 22:1-2 NIV

As we continue on in looking at the life of Abraham to gain perspective on how to follow God in all that we do, we find Abraham living on faith for 25 years. In addition to creating history with following God, we also find that Abraham has finally received the fulfilled promise of a son, which was necessary for everything else that God had promised him to come to pass.

Can you imagine what must have been going through Abraham's mind as he walked Isaac up that mountain? This was his son, his future, his legacy. This was what he had given everything up for, and now God was asking him to lay it all down, to re-surrender, and start all over... again.

Take a moment today to sit with the emotions that would come if you were Abraham. If you had given up everything you had and everything you'd known to follow God, and now God is asking for *More*. Asking the seemingly impossible.

As you consider that, consider this. Living God's way is not a moment; it is a long obedience in the same direction. The idea that we can grit our teeth and push and do something momentarily out of sheer force of will and then check out and coast — is not biblical.

We never graduate from following Jesus in a surrendered life. He always calls us to greater levels of commitment and trust. What could He be calling you to?

What is God saying to me?

How can I apply it?

Talk to God about it:

Thursday

October 20, 2022

This is what the Lord says: Because you have obeyed me and have not withheld even your son, your only son, I swear by my own name that I will certainly bless you. I will multiply your descendants beyond number.

Genesis 22:16-17a NLT

When God asked Abraham to surrender Isaac, God was asking for it all. This was not an ask for something that didn't cost everything. The ask was for something that could never be replaced. And yet, because Abraham was willing to give God whatever he asked for, God provided a ram to take Isaac's place. Not only did God give Isaac back, but he also pronounced an incredible blessing over Abraham's life, declaring, "Because you have not withheld your son... I will surely bless you."

So what does all this mean for you and me? It means that God does not ask us to surrender something to test us but to bless us. God can't bless what we hold on to with tight fists. When he puts something into our hands, we have a choice to make. Will we possess it and control it, or steward it according to the instruction of the Lord? Though it is difficult, it doesn't have to be. Once we freely give back to the Lord whatever he asks for, then our hands are open to receive from God freely.

Take a moment today to ask the question. Is there something God may be asking you to surrender? Take comfort in knowing that when you obey God and lay it down, you will find a life, a joy, and a peace so much greater than you could imagine. Once you take the posture of surrender, you'll be in the perfect position to receive God's greater blessing in return.

What is God saying to me?

How can I apply it?

Talk to God about it:

Friday

October 21, 2022

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

Psalms 20:7 NIV

Living God's way requires trusting in God's ways. As we learned last week, it all starts by putting faith in Jesus. Part of that faith is believing that He is with us, He is for us, and He will never leave or forsake us. Even as we come to believe that, learning to trust God is still a process. Here is what that process looks like:

First, *God calls you to do something*. No matter where you are, God will call you to join Him at some new level and in some new challenge. This call never comes without a cost. You can be sure that whatever God asks of you will involve sacrifice and surrender. So next, *you'll wrestle with God*. "God, was that really You or just the pizza? God, that's crazy! How could You ask me to do that? What will people say?" But what comes next changes everything—you *hear God speak*. Maybe it is during prayer time, or perhaps it is through someone else, through a sermon, a song, or even from a friend over coffee. But when God speaks, there is nothing like it. His word will fill you with vision, passion, hope, and joy. Then finally, you come back to God, openhanded, and *re-surrender*.

Always remember, no matter how old you are and how much history you have with God, you never outgrow this process. Spiritual maturity is not skipping a step; it is moving through the steps faster. Remember, whenever you reach re-surrender moments with God, they are actually invitations to join Him at the next level. As we embark on this journey believing that *There Is More*, think about where God is trying to take you with Him. Are you ready to go follow wherever He may lead?

What is God saying to me?

How can I apply it?

Talk to God about it:



Joey's Story

I grew up in a Christian home, and I accepted God into my life at a young age. Back then, loving God came so easily, and being in the Word was natural when I was surrounded by people who shared that same faith. But over time, the world started creeping into my life, bit by bit, until I looked up one day and realized I didn't recognize who I was in Christ. I was still going to church, but my relationship with God had slowly faded not reading scriptures or spending time in prayer. Then Jaime and I and our 3 kids decided to try out a new church that some friends of ours had been attending and that church we went to was Vima and even in that first service we attended God started to work on my heart.

Then one Sunday, I heard that Vima was organizing a mission trip to Peru, and instantly, I felt God calling me to go, even though I had never been on a mission's trip before. I had the privilege to join the team in Peru, and through the generosity of Vima church, we were able to dig water wells and give fresh drinking water to families and local communities. We were also able to hold medical clinics with local nurses and doctors who would hand basic reading glasses and medical supplies.

During our time in Peru, we were able to hand out a weeks' worth of food to 40 families and support a new local church through a crusade where 67 people came to know Christ that night. The crusade was actually held in the same place where the Vima church Peru sits today. God is on the move in Peru and through the generosity of this church we get to see more people experience the real Jesus!

Through this trip even though we were there helping others and sharing God's love, God was working on my heart, helping me hear His voice again. The mission's trip had a radical impact on my relationship with God, and it's brought His calling for my life back into focus.





Week Three
God's Voice

Message Notes

God's Voice

Ephesians 3:20, Matthew 6:33, John 10:27-28

There will be times when you must hear God's voice to know His will for _____.

John 10:14, 27

God is a _____.

God's Voice:

1. The Bible (_____)
2 Timothy 3:16-17
2. The Bible (_____)
Acts 11:15-17, Romans 8:16, Luke 1:13, Acts 15:25
3. Church _____.
Ephesians 4:11-20
4. Follow _____.
1 Corinthians 14:33, Colossians 3:15

Isaiah 55:12, Romans 8:14

Small Group Discussion Guide

The Big Idea

The Christian life isn't about saying yes to Jesus once but saying yes to Him repeatedly, in every step and every season. He wants to speak to us but doesn't yell or scream. Jesus shows us infinitely more as we learn to listen, trust and obey Him.

Things To Remember

“God is a communicator.”

“There will be times when you must hear God’s Voice to Know His Will for YOU.”

“There’s a difference between the comforting or encouraging word of God and the directional word of God.”

Small Group Discussion

1. **Discuss** Do you ever struggle with hearing God’s voice? Why or why not?
2. **Discuss** God speaks to us in multiple ways. Sometimes He speaks through His Word, sometimes He speaks through our relationships, and sometimes He speaks to us directly through the Holy Spirit. Tell us about a time God clearly spoke to you through one of these ways.
3. **Discuss** Tell us about a time you stepped out to obey God. What was the result?
4. **Discuss** Why do we need to hear from God as we go on this *There Is More* journey together?

Monday

October 24, 2022

My sheep listen to My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

John 10:27-28 NASB

The God who made all things seen and unseen wants to speak to you! Have you ever thought about that? Like, really considered it? Hearing God is not a privilege reserved just for pastors, elders, and church leaders. The Bible teaches us that God speaks to every Christian. If you are a Christ-follower, that includes you!

In John 10:27-28, Jesus assures us that He speaks to every one of His followers. That means *every* Christian *can* hear God's voice. If someone says, "God never talks to me," it just means they probably do not know how to hear God speak. If that is you, if you have never heard God's voice before, that can change! It all begins with faith and a real relationship with God. If you want to hear from God and never have, stop for a moment and say this prayer, with faith, out loud, slowly, right now:

Jesus, I want to know You. I want to follow You. I want to hear Your voice. Please reveal Yourself to me more and teach me to hear you in the midst of this noisy world. Please quiet my mind, quiet my heart, and allow me to hear. Amen.

A simple prayer like that is a great place to start cultivating your relationship with God. Now that you've done it once, go back and do it again, but even slower, with *More* faith, *More* intentionality. And then wait. Wait a while. Allow at least 5 minutes to sit and wait and listen. The further we press into the journey of *More* is not simply about our finances. We know *There Is More* for us to learn about the love of God, the voice of God, and what it really means to follow Him. God wants to speak to you! Are you ready to hear?

What is God saying to me?

How can I apply it?

Talk to God about it:

Tuesday

October 25, 2022

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

Genesis 1:3 ESV

Yesterday we looked at the truth that God wants to speak to us. However, sometimes we have trouble hearing His voice because we do not really believe He will speak to us. Whether it is a belief that God does not speak to anyone today or that God would not speak to you personally, these beliefs form a barrier that can keep us from hearing from God.

Both mindsets are wrong. At its foundation, Christianity is not just about following rules and regulations; it's about a relationship with the God of heaven, the person of Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

We all know that the basis of any good relationship is communication. Do you want to know the good news? God is a communicator! Over and over in the Bible you will find this phrase, "And God said..." From Genesis 1 through Revelation 22, God speaks. And He still speaks to us today.

To hear God's voice, we must believe and embrace the fact that God loves to talk to us. He loves to make His will known to us. Time and again, God is the one who initiates conversations with us. We have to *believe* He is speaking and remain *willing* to listen. Do you believe God wants to speak to you? Do you believe He wants to communicate with you? Whether you have experienced God's voice many times in your life or have never heard Him, the truth is that He speaks. And He wants to speak to you today! If you heard the voice of God yesterday, take a moment to thank Him for speaking and ask Him to continue! If you did not hear from God yesterday, go back to the prayer we prayed at the end of our time yesterday. Take your time and go through it slowly again, paying *More* attention to the listening than the asking.

What is God saying to me?

How can I apply it?

Talk to God about it:

Wednesday

October 26, 2022

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.

2 Timothy 3:16 NIV

As we press in and learn to hear the voice of God, it's important we understand that there are three ways God speaks to us today:

1. *God speaks through Scripture.* God will never speak something personally to you that contradicts what He has already said in His Word. The great thing about the Bible is that you never have to wonder if it is God or not. It is all God-breathed, but you still have to know what His Word says to learn how to hear Him speak.
2. *God speaks through the Holy Spirit.* One of the Holy Spirit's jobs is to speak to you. His voice could be described as an inner witness that you sense, an impression or a strong recurring thought, a deep calming peace, a genuine excitement, or an internal warning or check in your spirit. The Bible also teaches that the Holy Spirit will remind us of everything in the Word. Again, this means that the Holy Spirit will never speak something to you that is in conflict with the written Word of God.
3. *God speaks through the Church.* That is right! God will use the collective wisdom and counsel of the body of Christ to help you discern His voice. Sometimes it can be challenging to know when God is telling you something. This is where His people can help. God wants you to process your thoughts with other believers. And He can speak so powerfully to you through these conversations. He can give you wisdom and direction.

The *More* time you spend in God's Word, with God's people, and listening to His Spirit, the *More* you will know His voice.

Today, take a moment and pray that God would breathe new life on His Word, that it would jump off the pages and into your heart, becoming revelation *More* than information. And finally, pray that you can hear God *More* clearly through others who are full of His Spirit.

What is God saying to me?

How can I apply it?

Talk to God about it:

Thursday

October 27, 2022

*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves.
Do what it says.*

James 1:22 NIV

Have you ever tried giving advice to someone who did not want to listen? Maybe it was a child or a friend, a co-worker or a boss... or a spouse—but we will let that one go! It is not that they could not physically hear you, but you knew they would not listen to what you had to say. So, when you know someone will not listen, does it make you want to talk with them?

In a similar way, why would God speak to us if He knows we will not listen? You will hear God a lot clearer when you predetermine to listen and obey what He says. Think of it like tuning in to your favorite radio station. You have to tune it to the right frequency in order to hear. What is God's frequency? It is surrender.

When you fully surrender to God, it places you in a position to hear His voice *More* clearly. That is why we started week one of our journey with surrender. We do not surrender simply because God is good. We surrender because He is God. What He says is absolute for our lives. So right now, determine in your heart that when God speaks to you during this *There Is More* journey, no matter what He says, you will obey. And you will be amazed at how much clearer His voice will be.

What is God saying to me?

How can I apply it?

Talk to God about it:

Friday

October 28, 2022

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9 NIV

Almost any time God calls you to take a step of obedience, it can seem scary. But if you fight through the fear and follow God, you will see the miraculous take place. When you obey God, here is what you gain:

1. *You gain God’s presence.* In John 14:21, Jesus connects love and obedience together, saying, *“He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me, and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.”* We don’t obey Jesus out of duty or obligation. We obey Him because we love Him. And His promise is that He will be with us.
2. *You gain generational impact.* When you obey God, the people closest to you will see. Psalm 103:17-18 (NLT) says, *“But the love of the Lord remains forever with those who fear him. His salvation extends to the children’s children of those who are faithful to his covenant, of those who obey his commandments!”*
3. *You gain courage.* Courage is not the absence of fear. Courage is doing what God has called you to do in spite of and in the face of fear. Each time you take a step of faith and fight through fear, God proves Himself faithful, and your courage will grow.

Today as you conclude this week, take a moment to pray again that the voice of the Lord would be the primary guidance for your life. And pray that you would gain His presence, His courage and that by His power, your life would make a generational impact.

What is God saying to me?

How can I apply it?

Talk to God about it:



The Bryan's Story

Gods' faithfulness has never failed us. He has always provided enough in our lives, but in the last few years I knew God was calling us to do more as stewards of the resources He has entrusted to us. More in our marriage, as parents, servitude in the church, and our finances.

Gods' generosity specifically in our finances, a little while back started from a message from Pastor Willie George. Pastor George preached about how in the early years of his marriage, he and his wife planted a financial seed and God continued to multiply it throughout their lives from continued acts of obedience.

I knew at that moment that God was calling us to plant a seed as well. At the time, we had hospital bills, credit card debt, and vehicle repairs that needed to be done. On top of that, a couple more unexpected bills came in and it felt like everything was hitting all at once. I was thinking during the message that it would be great to give more but we have absolutely nothing to give right now.

In that moment, I remembered about an amount that I knew was coming in that we had already pre-set aside to pay off part of our debt. After praying about it, we decided to trust God and give that whole amount. Just like he did for Pastor Willie, God blessed our act of obedience and brought us out of our debt. To this day, He continues to provide and bless our act of obedience. We are not only thankful for that God has moved in our finances, but how He is using this to teach us to trust in Him in everything we do.

Week Four
God's Invitation

Message Notes

God's Invitation

Ephesians 3:20, Matthew 6:33, John 6:1-13

God's Invitation:

1. God's Invitation starts with a _____.
2. God's Invitation is sensed by His _____.
Mark 6:37
3. God's Invitation requires _____.

Why Is It Hard to Give Up Our Lunch:

1. It's easier to ignore others when we're _____.
2. God often asks us to do things that don't make _____.

God _____ what you offer Him.

Three Levels of Giving:

1. What can I _____?
2. What can I _____?
3. What can I _____ to do through me?

Small Group Discussion Guide

The Big Idea

God never moves in our life and church without our participation. It isn't because He wants something from us but because He has something infinitely more for us. Sometimes God invites us to give up our lunch to experience a miracle. God is not a tyrant or bully. He will never make us do anything against our will. But when we align our will to His, He paves the way to infinitely more in our life and our world.

Things To Remember

"Most of us have problems. The good news is, if you have a problem, you're a candidate for a miracle."

"God chooses to work through people."

"God multiplies what you offer Him."

Small Group Discussion

1. **Discuss** Why do you think God invites us to participate in His miracle process?
2. **Discuss** In what area of your life do you need a miracle? (Examples: your health, marriage, finances, job, child, etc.)
3. **Discuss** Where are you in the process right now: surrendering to God, hearing His voice, obeying what He says, or believing God to do a miracle through you? Which part of this process is the most difficult for you?

Monday

October 31, 2022

When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

John 6:5-6 NIV

There's only one miracle of Jesus that is recorded in all four gospels, and that is the loaves and fishes miracle. When approaching the Bible, every word of the Lord is of paramount importance, and yet when we find something referred to as the principle of repetition, it stands out as *even more* significant. As we look at this incredible miracle, we find Jesus feeding 5,000 men *and* their families with only a single, small lunch!

The setting for this miracle is also significant. There is a large crowd of people who have all come to see Jesus, but the day is getting long, and there weren't any food trucks at this event! In the midst of an unsettled crowd, Jesus then asks His disciples where they should buy bread to feed them all. With this question, Jesus is actually asking them the impossible. There was nowhere to find enough bread to feed the hungry crowd. Whatever was in their ability to imagine, this was beyond that. But Jesus wasn't asking a question He didn't already have the answer to. He was inviting His disciples into the problem so they would understand the need. The verse says that He did this to test them, for He already knew what He would do.

Philip responded to Jesus, "It would take *More* than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" Of course, Jesus knew that as well, but it is exactly that kind of situation that allows God to show off. Luke 18:27 says, "*What is impossible with man is possible with God.*" When you find yourself in a situation that seems impossible, remember this story. God may be inviting you into a problem He already has a solution for.

What is God saying to me?

How can I apply it?

Talk to God about it:

Tuesday

November 1, 2022

But He answered, "You give them something to eat."

Mark 6:37 NIV

Every time we see a miracle in the Bible we can find three ingredients in the mix. The first ingredient is *'need.'* Jesus had been teaching all day, and it was getting late. The people were getting hungry and needed to eat. There's nothing worse than the preacher running long when you're hungry, right? Jesus knew that too! But He went a little longer and let them get a little uncomfortable because as time went on, the need grew larger. And keep in mind that in the context of this story, starvation was a real and present threat. Missing a meal was a big deal, and the need was real.

Second, not only is there a need but there is a sense of the need. In this story, everyone sensed it! The people were hungry, the disciples knew it, and Jesus highlighted it. What is remarkable is that Jesus not only had a solution but instead of just solving the problem himself, He invited them to participate in the miracle. And that is something Jesus is still doing today! He still works miracles in and through people. Like any good father, God wants us to grow as much as He wants to solve our problems. Often times it is in our own growing and stretching that the problems are solved. But whether the miracle happens quickly or over time, God is always inviting us to be part of the process.

The final ingredient is... you guessed it, faith! Jesus' disciples found the boy with the loaves and fish. They obviously had their doubts about this, but they acted in faith. And that is key. Doubt is a normal part of the process. Some faith teachers will tell you that you can't doubt, but sometimes doubting is inevitable, and thoughts are sometimes hard to control. The key is to act in faith and watch your mindset follow instead of waiting for a mindset of faith to act it out. Sometimes God will give you a gift of faith before He calls you to act. But sometimes He calls you to act specifically to build your faith as you obey. That's

what happened in this story. His disciples gathered the food available, passed it out until everyone had enough, sat and ate with everyone, and then cleaned up the leftovers! They played a part in the miracle! And today, God is calling us to the same type of faith in action. When there is a need that is sensed by a group of people who step out in faith, regardless of the odds, God does miracles!

What is God saying to me?

How can I apply it?

Talk to God about it:

Wednesday

November 2, 2022

“Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?”

John 6:9 (NIV)

Another striking element of this profound story is that in order for God to perform the miracle, there was a boy who had to give up his lunch. Think about it. He was the only person in the crowd who did not need a miracle. He had his lunch. It was everyone else who was hungry! And yet, he was the one who was challenged the most!

There are many times in life when you and I may be that boy. Sometimes you may not see the need for the miracle because you already have what you need. If we don't understand that everything we have comes from God, it can be a tough ask when He wants some of it, or in this case, all of it back. But He's not asking so that the boy will go without. He asks so He can use what the boy has to bless others. And He often does the same with us to shift our perspectives. That shift isn't easy, but it can be made, and once you see it, you begin to actually understand what it means to be blessed, to be a blessing!

Even when you change your perspective, there is still another challenge. Not only did the boy have to give up his lunch, but his lunch was so insignificant when compared to the size of the crowd, the natural question is... how could this small sacrifice even matter? The problem with natural questions is that they are natural. Jesus is in the supernatural business. So He can take a little and turn it into an abundance. He is the God of *“more than enough.”* And this isn't who He was at one time. It's who He still is and how He still works through us. We give in faith because God asks for it, not because it makes sense and certainly not because it seems natural. It doesn't matter how much you have. God is not looking at the size of your bank account. He's looking at the size of your faith and the measure of your obedience. And in His hands, He can turn our seemingly small gifts

into an abundance of blessings for many!

Today, take a moment to pray and ask God to help you see clearly your current perspective and to help you see *More* clearly from His.

What is God saying to me?

How can I apply it?

Talk to God about it:

Thursday

November 3, 2022

He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted.

Job 5:9 NIV

Back in week one, we looked at what it means to go beyond our own imaginations. Sometimes before you can believe the impossible *from* God, you first have to get clear about what you believe *about* God. The pages of the Bible are filled with miracle stories where God did what only God can do. But sometimes, it is easy to think of those Bible stories simply as “stories”— something that happened a long time ago. We wonder if God does miracles today.

This isn't unique. The same doubt we experience today existed during Jesus' earthly ministry. Matthew 13:58 (CSB) tells us that the people from Jesus' hometown took offense with Him and that *“he did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief.”* As we said before, this verse doesn't mean God is dependent on our faith in order to move. God is God entirely independent of us. Our right belief in Him is not what makes Him exist, but it is what can often determine how He works in and through us.

Let's look again at our key verse for *There Is More*, Ephesians 3:20 ISV, *“Now to the one who can do infinitely more than all we can ask or imagine according to the power that is working among us.”* As a church, we are believing for God to do an incredible financial miracle through our church to expand the reach of His kingdom in Central Texas. But what about you, on a personal level? What need do you have in your life today? Is there something that seems impossible? That matters to God just as much as the big picture. In fact, that's how it works. God works in the individual pictures to create the big picture.

So today, take a moment to bring your need to God. When you do, ask in faith! Believe He will work on your behalf, and you may just find the God of miracles alive and well today!

What is God saying to me?

How can I apply it?

Talk to God about it:

Friday

November 4, 2022

Now to the one who can do infinitely more than all we can ask or imagine according to the power that is working among us.

Ephesians 3:20 ISV

Keeping our key verse in front of us, is there something in your life so impossible that you can only ask God to do it? Is there something so impossible you can hardly imagine it? Ephesians 3:20 says you serve a God who can meet that need and exceed your wildest imagination. He doesn't just work in the confines of what we can imagine. He goes beyond that!

When it comes to what you can give in this journey of *More*, there are three levels of giving to consider. The first level is *what you can afford*. This is what you can easily give. It's what you can fit into your budget. It is a gift, and it is entirely possible.

The second level of giving is *what you can sacrifice*. This goes a step further. It is no longer safe. At this level, you have to give something up. Maybe it is your morning coffee, a new flat-screen TV, a family vacation, or a house renovation. Whatever it is, it's a sacrifice—but it is possible.

This leads you to the final level of giving, which is *what you can trust God to do through you*. This is the supernatural level. This is the miraculous. At this level, the miracle is far beyond and so much *More* than what you can calculate or even sacrifice. It is something only God can do. How amazing would it be to hear God, step out in faith, and go beyond yourself to experience what only God can do?

Today, take a moment and pray. Ask God to show you the expanse of His kingdom vision for the impact our church will make. His plans are certainly far beyond our plan. They are *More* than we could ask or

imagine. But ask anyway. Ask Him to show you just how far-reaching this will be, and ask Him in faith what your part to play might be.

What is God saying to me?

How can I apply it?

Talk to God about it:



Adia's Story

One of the things that drew me to Vima Church was that I felt as though the church was service based. They weren't just concerned about the lives of those attending the services or small groups that they genuinely had a heart for the city and the communities around the church and consistently were trying to find ways to give back and to bring the love of God to people where they were and not where they expected people to be.

The *Egg the Park* event was the first service event that I participated in as a member. It was so near to my heart because it was in a community I have felt a connection with since moving to Wichita. I worked out at the recreation center and volunteered for events, and was a mentor to a little girl who lived in the apartment complex in the area. It was a blessing to be a part of *Egg the Park* and showing an entire community what unconditional love and support looks like.

Week Five God's Reward

Message Notes

God's Reward

Ephesians 3:20, Matthew 6:33, Mark 12:41-44

God sees past our gift to our _____.

It's not about equal contribution – it's about equal

_____.

Matthew 4:14-16

Three Levels of Giving:

1. What can I _____?
2. What can I _____?
3. What can I _____ _____ to do through me?

Small Group Discussion Guide

The Big Idea

Everything in this world is passing away. Only one thing will remain, God's Word. Jesus is the Word of God and sustains eternity. When we put His Kingdom first, we are most blessed and leave an eternal legacy in the lives of those who come after us.

Things To Remember

"It's not about equal contribution – it's about equal sacrifice."

"As a member of God's Family, when you do your part, your life changes."

"When you're in Jesus, your legacy keeps going even after you're gone."

Small Group Discussion

1. **Discuss** What do you think of when you hear the word "legacy"?
2. **Discuss** What personal legacy do you want to pass on to others in your life?
3. **Discuss** What is the spiritual legacy we are passing on to the next generation at Vima Church?
4. **Discuss** What is our *There Is More* journey really about? How would you describe what we are doing?

Monday

November 7, 2022

Where there is no vision, the people perish...

Proverbs 29:18 KJV

Vision is a powerful motivator. When we receive and embrace God's vision for our lives, He empowers us to work together toward the fulfillment of that vision. We've been doing a lot of imagining on this journey, but imagine again how much *More* God could do through us if we tapped into His vision for our lives, church, and community.

Here are three characteristics of a vision from God. First, *God's vision always aligns with His mission and is bigger than you!* If you can accomplish it in your own strength, it is probably not God. Our entire journey to *More* is a God-sized vision only He can do. Second, *God's vision always releases passion in you.* God's vision will not let you go. It draws you in. It captivates you and pulls you toward God's goal for your life.

Finally, *God's vision impacts future generations.* Psalm 127:1 NKJV says, "*Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it,*" and verse 3 continues, "*Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord.*" You see, a God-vision is something that can only be accomplished through Him, but it ultimately has to do with family. It leaves a lasting impact that is felt for generations.

What we are building at Vima Church is not really about land and buildings. It is about creating space to reach people and build family. It is about building something beyond ourselves. It's about reaching this generation and the ones that come after us. The big picture of what God can do through us starts at the smaller picture of what God can do through you.

Take some time today to pray and ask what *His vision for your participation* is. We don't approach miracles based on what we see

but on what He sees. Ask God for His eyes today. Ask Him for His vision and ask Him to give you a glimpse of how your participation will impact others. And as you pray, remember... His vision is far *More* than you could ask or imagine. So keep pressing in and leaning in and listening until He moves you to *More* than you can see on your own!

What is God saying to me?

How can I apply it?

Talk to God about it:

Tuesday

November 8, 2022

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.

Deuteronomy 7:9 NIV

What do you think of when you think about leaving a legacy? Some may think of leaving a great business or organization. Some may think of leaving wealth and possessions. Others may think of the family they leave behind or even the way people talk about their character. But in all of these examples, one thing is consistent. A legacy has to do with what you leave behind. It is how people will remember you one day.

This raises an important question: What will *your legacy* be? You can live for selfish goals or momentary pleasures, or you can decide to leave a spiritual legacy for future generations.

According to Deuteronomy 7:9, your legacy is tied to your relationship with God. Think about that. The legacy you leave for your children and grandchildren flows out of your love for God and your obedience to Him. This is why our journey to *More* is so important! We are believing for what God has for the people in our communities, now and in the years to come. Also this journey also offers a practical way to get closer to God's heart as you step out in obedience. When you understand and embrace God's vision for your life, you can leave a legacy of righteousness for those who follow you.

What is God saying to me?

How can I apply it?

Talk to God about it:

Wednesday

November 9, 2022

Moreover, because I have set my affection on the house of my God, I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, my own special treasure of gold and silver.

1 Chronicles 29:3 NKJV

In the Old Testament, the temple of God had great significance for Israel. It was the dwelling place of God's presence among His people. In preparing to build the temple, King David made all the necessary preparations and gave extravagantly from his own resources. But notice how he connects his heart to his gift, "*Because I have set my affection on the house of my God, I have given to the house of my God.*"

While some may have given lip service to God's house, David demonstrated his heart by what he gave. Centuries later, Jesus would echo this same idea in Matthew 6:21 ESV when He said, "*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*"

There are many causes out there and tons of places you can invest your time, talent, and treasure. But none is *More* powerful than the local church. One of the most amazing things about giving to build God's church is that it will change your heart. Sometimes we give because our heart is attached to something, and we want to give to it. Sometimes we give because we see what God is doing and we want our heart to be attached to it, and it is in that act of giving that our heart for what He is doing grows! If you want to have a bigger heart for God and His kingdom, invest in what He is doing.

Take a moment today and ask God to help you see where your heart is? Is your heart set on the things of this world or the things God wants to do through you, in the world? Ponder that important question and allow room for the Holy Spirit to speak.

What is God saying to me?

How can I apply it?

Talk to God about it:

Thursday

November 10, 2022

...Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the Lord? Then the leaders of the fathers' houses, leaders of the tribes of Israel, the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the officers over the king's work, offered willingly... Then the people rejoiced, for they had offered willingly to the Lord...

1 Chronicles 29:5-6,9 NKJV

David gave his wealth to build God's temple. Then the leaders of Israel gave, followed by the people. But there was a process they all went through first—a process of consecration.

The word “consecrate” means “to set apart.” The people first set themselves apart for God. They determined in their hearts that they would belong to God. They would do things His way, not theirs. And it is something they were willing to do. Then the evidence of their consecration was expressed through giving. Notice the verses say they “offered willingly.” Not out of compulsion. Not because they had to. But because they wanted to give to God.

Here is the principle: Willful consecration leads to willful giving. Like we talked about a few weeks back, it all starts with surrender, and out of a surrendered and consecrated heart comes an offering. Are you willing to be set apart for God? Will you join God on this journey in consecrating your heart, your life, and your finances to Him? Imagine what God could do through you as you give willingly to build His kingdom.

What is God saying to me?

How can I apply it?

Talk to God about it:

Friday

November 11, 2022

Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

John 11:40 NIV

Sometimes it can be challenging to get around our own logical thoughts to make room for God. Jesus faced the same type of skepticism in His ministry. In John 11:40, Jesus spoke these words to Martha after her brother Lazarus had died. He instructed that the tombstone be rolled away, and Mary questioned Jesus' logic. It made no sense. Lazarus had been dead four days. There was an odor! Jesus simply encouraged Martha to believe, and she would see the miracle. And Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead!

To experience God's power in our lives, we must remove any limitations we have placed on Him. In all of our knowledge, we must make room for what is beyond our comprehension. The God who created everything desires nothing *More* than to show up in your world in miraculous, unexplainable ways if you believe.

That is what our journey in believing that *There is More* is all about. It's about hearing from God, stepping out in faith, and seeing God do a miracle.

Take a moment today to reflect on our theme verse once again:

Now to the one who can do infinitely more than all we can ask or imagine according to the power that is working among us.

Ephesians 3:20 ISV

Over the last few weeks, we've encouraged you to believe for a miracle in your life and through your life. Take a moment again to bring before the Lord the miracle you are believing for in your life, in your

family, and in your community. Take a moment to pray again about these things and take time to listen to what He is saying about them. Remember, He is speaking!

What is God saying to me?

How can I apply it?

Talk to God about it:



The Tener's Story

We did a lot of church shopping during Covid with most of our interactions being online. Vima's message was the first that caused us to stop and truly discuss what we'd felt and received from the sermon. Coupled with the values openly communicated on the website, we knew we needed to visit.

After meeting Pastor Jon and Stephanie, their authenticity, genuine heart for God, and the fresh word we know is led by the Spirit of God, it was clear we had found our home church.

During this time, we were pregnant and didn't know how much a strong and safe children's ministry matters. Whatever the age group, the kids are blessed to have an incredibly fun, engaging and meaningful group of caregivers eager to help them connect with Jesus. What a joy it would be to jump in on a service for the games, dancing that are a part of the lessons.

When our first child, Will, was born in 2021, the doctors were worried about his heart having a prolonged wave on an EKG. This could have been an indication of a potentially fatal condition. We were so distraught and angry that God might take the child we had desperately prayed to have for eight years. Pastor Jon calmed (talked) me down and immediately began to pray against any abnormality or condition that might threaten his life. During the follow-up on test, the anomaly

was gone and that little baby is now a vibrant three year old. Fast forward three years to our daughter being born with two heart defects that our gracious and miraculous God has healed!

There is more that God is doing involving people and circumstances that are unseen. We have seen miracles happen in Vima that no one can explain and God has shown up in our lives in mighty ways. There is healing, restoration, reconciliation, rehabilitation and so much life in store as a part of God's kingdom, we are privileged to be a part of it.





Week Six
God's Economy

Message Notes

God's Economy

Ephesians 3:20, Genesis 8:22, John 12:24, Galatians 6:9

Three People in Every Crowd:

1. Those who don't _____.
2. Those who are _____ or _____.
3. Those who want to _____.

Matthew 13:18, 23, 2 Corinthians 9:1-15

We experience Infinitely More through the process of _____ & _____.

Galatians 6:7

The Process of Sowing & Reaping:

1. We sow the seed that we _____.
2. We sow seed _____.
3. We sow with _____.

Small Group Discussion Guide

The Big Idea

What do you think of when you think of miracles? Most usually think of something spectacular or supernatural. Many never stop to realize that the God of the supernatural is also the God of the natural and He has hidden his greatest gift in the most ordinary of places... in the ground. The unstoppable power of the seed is God's greatest miracle and the foundation of His work in our lives.

Things To Remember

"There are challenges for the seed, but when it hits good soil, over time it produces a great harvest."

"It all belongs to Him."

"We experience Infinitely More through the process of Sowing & Reaping."

"God says if you're worried about your seed lasting, sow it."

Small Group Discussion

1. **Discuss** What's something God has done in your life during our There Is More journey?
2. **Discuss** How have you felt the most challenged over the last several weeks? What has seemed most natural to you?
3. **Discuss** Have you ever witnessed the entire process (or been a part of the process) of a seed being planted that blossomed into something miraculous?

Monday

November 14, 2022

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! ... For there the Lord commanded the blessing—life forevermore.

Psalm 133:1,3 NASB

One of the incredible things about Vima Church is that we are here to reach people. Not just some people, not just extra spiritual people, but all people. We also don't exist as a place where only a select special few people make everything happen. We all get involved! We all play a part. That includes you! And that is why our *There is More* Journey has been so incredible. It is something we have done together. We heard from God. We exercised our faith. We gave our gifts, and we did it together. Everyone. Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice.

There is a word that is used in our English language called "synergy." Synergy is defined as "the cooperation of two or *More* things to produce a combined effect greater than the sum of the individual parts." In essence, synergy means we accomplish *More* together. This is exactly what happens when God's people come together in unity to achieve God's vision. Think of it like this:

Our Unity + God's Supernatural Power = Miraculous Results

As we move through the final week of our journey which is really just the beginning, take some time to reflect on everything God has done over the past six weeks. What has He done in you? What has He done in our church? Reflect on His blessings and His goodness. And remember, this is only the beginning. The best is yet to come!

What is God saying to me?

How can I apply it?

Talk to God about it:

Tuesday

November 15, 2022

“For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”

Matthew 18:20 NKJV

As a believer in Christ, God is always with you. The Bible repeatedly teaches that His Spirit dwells in you (Romans 8:11; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; 2 Corinthians 6:16; Ephesians 5:18; 2 Timothy 1:14, to list just a few). Yet Jesus makes the incredible promise that if two or *More* gather together in His name, He will be with us.

You see, something special happens when believers come together, unified in the name of Jesus. There is an expression of His presence that is uniquely sensed when we come together. It is why people visit Vima Church and talk about the friendliness they experience, the warmth they feel, or the presence they sense during worship. It is Jesus! When we come together, He is with us in a unique and discernible way.

What’s even *More* amazing is that in the prior verse, Matthew 18:19 (ESV), Jesus says, *“If two of you agree on earth about anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.”* So here is the takeaway: When God’s people gather together in agreement and in His name, He hears us, and He is with us!

Throughout *There is More*, we got to experience what Jesus promised. We joined together in unity, He was with us every step of the way, and He answered our prayers. Is there something amazing God did in your life during our journey together? Take a moment today to reflect and thank God for what He has done and continue to listen for what He wants to do.

What is God saying to me?

How can I apply it?

Talk to God about it:

Wednesday

November 16, 2022

...The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously.

2 Corinthians 9:6 (CSB)

Throughout the Bible, we find the principle of sowing and reaping. It is a universal truth. And it is something that can work for you or against you, depending on what you do. But Paul takes the principle a step further in 2 Corinthians 9:6. Not only will you reap what you sow, but the *More* you sow, the *More* you will reap. Here is what that means: Do you want *More* of God's blessing on your life? Then sow *More* seeds! Jesus said something similar in Luke 6:38 (NLT), “Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.”

Listen, the Bible is not just referring to money here. When you give in any area of life, it puts God in a position to bless you for your act of obedience.

Now, we do not give in order to get. Yet, we understand God's principle still works. The *More* you sow, the *More* you will reap. And remember: You cannot out-give God. Whenever you give to God, He always repays and blesses you even *More* in return. So, keep your expectation and faith level high. God's blessing is on the way!

Take a moment today to thank God for every blessing, every good thing He has given you. And take a moment again to ask and listen if there is anything He is still asking of you that you haven't given yet. Remember, giving isn't about losing. It's all about gaining what He has for you!

What is God saying to me?

How can I apply it?

Talk to God about it:

Thursday

November 17, 2022

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

2 Corinthians 9:10 ESV

It is true; you reap what you sow. It is also true that the *More* you sow, the *More* you will reap. But have you ever stopped to consider where the seed comes from in the first place? Think about it. Where does the ability to give anything come from? According to 2 Corinthians 9:10, the ability to give comes from God. It is God "who supplies seed to the sower." So, if you want to sow into God's kingdom, He provides the seed!

Here is what that means for you today. Maybe you went on this journey and asked God to speak to you. Perhaps you felt God tell you to give something crazy, something beyond what is even possible. And if so, here is the good news: You do not have to worry. You do not have to wonder where the provision will come from. God will supply the seed! And then He wants to multiply your seed so you can give even *More*, and in return, He will bless you. It is a beautiful cycle of obedience, provision, and blessing.

So remember, whenever God asks you to give, He is not trying to get something *from* you—He wants to give something *to* you and *through* you. He will provide the seed. You simply have to obey. And the end result is a harvest of righteousness!

What is God saying to me?

How can I apply it?

Talk to God about it:

Friday

November 18, 2022

I tell you, in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who don't need repentance.

Luke 15:7 CSB

Here we are, in the final week of our launching pad into the future. How does it feel? We hope you have heard from God and been impacted along the way. We hope you have stepped out in faith and believed God for a miracle. And we hope this is only the beginning of an amazing new life—of surrendering, hearing God's voice, stepping out in faith, and seeing Him do miracles. What an incredible way to live! At the end of it all, we need to remember the reason we started this journey to begin with. Yes, it was to encounter God. Yes, it was to see Him move. But even *More*, the reason for our journey was very simple: *To continue reaching people for Jesus!*

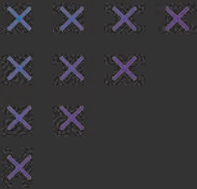
This is God's mission. It has never changed. And neither has the mission of Vima Church. We have always been and always will be about *reaching people and building family*. Everything you have given is to help make room for *More* people to come to Christ and to be a part of our spiritual family.

Take a moment today and ask yourself, "Who is someone I know who still needs Jesus?" Write their name in the space below, and say a prayer for them today. Let's believe God to do *More* than we could ask or even imagine!

What is God saying to me?

How can I apply it?

Talk to God about it:



Now all glory to God, **who is able**, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish **infinitely more** than we might ask or think.

Ephesians 3:20 NLT

There
is more ...