

ARE YOU READY FOR MORE? Part 1

We All Want More: How are we going to get it?

What's Your MORE?

1. Are you ready for MORE OF GOD in your life?
 2. Are you ready for more PEACE & JOY?
 3. Are you ready for more of God in your PRAYER LIFE?
 4. Are you ready for more of His GUIDANCE
 5. Are you ready for more of God in your HOME?
 6. Are you ready for more of your FRIENDS to come to know the Lord?
 7. Are you ready for more FRUITFULNESS around your GIFT / CALLING?
- Which one of those jumps out at you right now? What are you lacking & what would you love to experience 'more' of?
- There's something inside of us that longs for more of what God has for us? Is that a good thing? Where did it come from? What do we mean by a 'holy discontent?'

What's Our MORE?

1. The Church we see is ALIVE.
 2. The Church we see is SPIRIT-FILLED.
 3. The Church we see is GROWING.
 4. The Church we see is TRANSFORMING.
 5. The Church we see is FAMILY.
 6. The Church we see is EQUIPPING.
- How do you think we're doing on each of those at the Barn? If you had to pick one area in which you'd like there to be more, which would it be and describe what the 'more' might look like.

What We've Learnt over the Years

You cannot always CONTROL the OUTCOMES.
You cannot FIX all your CIRCUMSTANCES.
You cannot MICRO-MANAGE the PEOPLE around you.
BUT you CAN PLOUGH that FIELD, TILL that SOIL until it's RIPE & READY.
You CAN SOW GOOD SEED.

→ Do you agree with the first three statements? What would be the likely result of you trying to 'control' all of those factors? Why is it, by contrast, that you do have 'control' over the last two?

IT WORKS LIKE THIS

There are things you can intentionally, repeatedly, persistently do to PREPARE the ground, make ROOM & open the DOOR to the more of the Lord.

- * Our KINGDOM CULTURE values DESCRIBE what sowing GOOD SEED in the RIGHT SOIL looks like.
- * If we want MORE of the VISION, we're going to need MORE of the Kingdom Culture VALUES.

→ Is it possible for big vision to be fulfilled if the culture isn't right? Why is a healthy, godly culture so critical if we want to see God doing what only He can do?

→ Pick one of our 6 vision targets (alive, Spirit-filled, growing, transforming, family & equipping) & discuss how they are facilitated by a healthy culture, but threatened by an unhealthy one?

→ "One of the church leaders' key roles is to keep tilling the soil in pursuit of more." How do you think they do that or could / should do that & what role does the rest of the church play in helping them to do so?

WHY? Because you do not reap supernatural fruit ...

1. In a NEGATIVE environment
 - * The Flip: In a POSITIVE environment, you begin to OPEN YOURSELF UP to the more of the Lord.
2. In a JUDGMENTAL environment
 - * People FLOURISH when there is LAVISH GRACE.
3. In a CLOSED, RESISTANT environment
 - * If we're hiding behind MASKS, WALLS & HARDENED HEARTS, He won't be able to BREAK IN & we'll never access more.
4. In a NATURAL, EARTHLY environment
 - * If it's the 'best WE can do,' however WELL-INTENTIONED we're not going to rattle the doors of hell.
 - * We need the supernatural power of God to become our NATURAL.
5. In a LAX, FRIVOLOUS, UNHOLY environment
 - * Need the PRESENCE of the Holy Spirit, the AWE of God & the FEAR of the Lord.
6. In a FAITHLESS, UNBELIEVING environment
 - * Need to take God at His WORD, stand confidently on His PROMISES, need some holy BOLDNESS because that's an atmosphere RIPE for MIRACLES.

→ Each of those is a negative expression of one of our 6 Kingdom Culture values (Positively Positive, Always Full of Grace, Radically Responsive, Naturally Supernatural, the Fear of the Lord & the Spirit of Faith). How does each of those negatives threaten our 'more' ((alive, Spirit-filled, growing, transforming, family & equipping). By contrast, how would the positive expression fuel our 'more?'