

Everything *is* DIFFERENT

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Imagine

Introduction

Everything is different when you decide to follow Jesus. In Christ, you have a new identity that transforms your life. Together, we're walking through the book of Ephesians unpacking what this means and its impact on your life today. In week three, Pastor Jesse encouraged us to imagine what it would look like for 2024 to be the year you experienced the kind of church that only God could have imagined.

Discussion

1. When was the last time you experienced Jesus in such a way that made everything else small and his church big? What happened? Share this moment with your group.
2. If someone could see your relationship to church (PLC) right now, would they go, "Wow! I wish I had that in my life." Why or why not? How does that make you feel?
3. Take a deep breath and get ready to be a little more vulnerable. Remember, your group is a safe place to share together without judgment. Do you think you're just "playing church" these days? Why or why not?
4. In light of your answers above, what is it about church you're experiencing that makes it worth sharing? Or, what kind of experience(s) **would** make church worth sharing?
5. What if 2024 was the year you experienced the kind of church that only God could have imagined? What kind of fruit would that look like to you? What's it going to take for you to experience that this year?
6. **Revisit and read Ephesians 3:20-21.** God is the one who makes all this happen. If you're going to experience the kind of church only God could have imagined, it won't be because you're putting more willpower into it. It's going to start by believing in the transformational power of God through Jesus' love for you. Pray together with your group and end your time by praying Ephesians 3:20-21 out loud together.

Application

- **Keep reading.** Join us in reading through Ephesians over the course of this series! A daily devotional through this book of the Bible is available on [The Bible App](#).
- **Find your friends and grow together.** The communities God brings together and is a part of are unlike any other. In a world filled with division and isolation, groups centered around Jesus can offer a truly safe place to be known – actually known – and supported by people navigating life with God together.
- **Start obeying with your money.** Don't let your relationship to God's church and mission be the same as a small background subscription in your life. Surrendering this area of your life helps place God in the proper spot of priority while contributing to a movement greater than yourself.
- **Pray for and invite your "one."** God is already on the move in 2024. 140 people have come to believe in Jesus at PLC already! This is the perfect time to bring along that one person God's been nudging you toward.