

UNITY SERIES 2026



Merge Group Questions #4

Ephesians 3:14-21: Immeasurably More! God in His Fullness (Merge Group #4)

For the next four weeks we will be basing our teaching on the very word of God. We will have available a resource for you if you choose to want a copy. (You will see that below) You also as a facilitator may have other resources you want to use as you work through this series so please feel free to use those and please contact Yves Gerard and Caroline Tremblay if you need any assistance. Here is their contact information:
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Along with that, this year, we as a merge group leadership wanted to give some consistent shape with our unity series for our church. We thought that it would be good, as you gather in your groups, to be more interactive and participatory to create movement.

Below you will find a format that will help you create movement as merge group hosts and facilitators. Please feel free to add to what we have here and enjoy the time spent with your group as you gather.

Please allow the Holy Spirit to use these times as you do life together weekly. Our heart as a leadership is to help each of you grow in your life as a Christ follower as we move people through our Four Chair disciple making process.

We will be praying for you as you study and facilitate these next four weeks under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. May God richly bless you as you serve him in this way.

CHECK-IN (10 MINUTES)

As we focus on this series, we want to continue to create space for checking in on each other but doing so in a shorter amount of time.

Take a few minutes to do a whole person check-in (emotional, spiritual, physical) with your merge group, creating space for each person to answer the question below:

- How did you experience the Grace of Jesus in your life last week? Who or what are you praying for this coming week?

If the need arises, spend a few minutes praying for one another, asking God to meet needs and help each person carry what feels heavy right now.

READ THIS OVERVIEW (5 MINUTES)

In this passage, Paul prays not for individual believers, but for the church as a whole. Flowing out of Ephesians 2, where God's people are described as His dwelling place, Paul's prayer is that the church would be "filled with all the fullness of God."

Craig explained that this fullness means the visible display of God's character through His people. Though God's presence in us is unseen, His love, patience, forgiveness, and unity become visible as the church lives together under Christ's rule.

This prayer cannot be fulfilled in isolation. Every part of it is communal, requiring believers to live in relationship with one another. As Christ truly "dwells" among His people—ruling as King rather than remaining a guest—the church grows in unity and reflects His love. Knowing the love of Christ is not just intellectual but experiential and transformative, and it often happens through the people of God. As we experience Christ's love together, we are changed and empowered to love others. Ultimately, God is able to do far more than we can imagine in and through the church, shaping an imperfect people into a living display of His glory.

QUESTIONS (20 Minutes)

1. Paul's prayer is clearly communal, not individual. How does it challenge or reshape the way you normally think about spiritual growth when you realize this prayer cannot be answered in isolation? Where do you tend to default to a "private Christianity" instead of a shared one?
2. Craig described being "filled with the fullness of God" as God's character becoming visible through His people. What are some specific ways the character of God (love, patience, forgiveness, humility) is—or is not—currently being displayed in our relationships with one another?
3. Christ "dwelling" in our hearts was described as Christ being fully at home—not a guest but a rightful King. What are some areas (attitudes, habits, conversations, relational patterns) where Christ may feel more like a visitor than a ruler—personally or corporately?
4. Paul says we comprehend the love of Christ "with all the saints." Can you share a time when you experienced the love of God through another believer? How did that experience shape you? What makes it hard to receive love from others in the church?
5. Craig emphasized that knowing Christ's love is not just emotional, but transformational. In what ways does experiencing Christ's love empower us to love people who are different, difficult, or uncomfortable for us? Who might God be inviting you to move toward rather than avoid?
6. Paul ends with confidence that God is able to do far more than we ask or imagine—in the church. What would it look like to genuinely trust that God is at work shaping us together, even in the messiness and tension of community? How can we pray for one another this week so that Christ would be more "at home" among us?

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Missionary Practice For The Week Ahead: BLESS (10 Minutes)

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• (B)egin with Prayer:

- Pray for the people in your life and the places that you're in.
- People: Who do you live, work and play with that is far from God? Pray that God would create spiritual curiosity in them, and then spend time with them.
- Places:
 - Where does pain exist here? Pray for healing.
 - Who makes the decisions here? Pray for integrity.
 - Who throws parties here? Pray for community.
 - Where are the pennies spent here? Pray for provision.

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• (L)isten:

- Listen to and discover the needs of others and for the places where God is at work.
- Before you can help others find Jesus, you need to listen to them first - their hopes, pains, challenges and dreams. In your interactions with others today, take the posture of a learner. Lay down assumptions and practice being present in conversations.

• (E)at:

- Share meals, drink coffee, and spend time with people in your life that don't yet know Jesus.
- Who can you eat with (or have coffee with) that is far from God? A co-worker over lunch? A neighbour during the day? A friend or family member over the weekend?
- Is there a place that you regularly visit (coffee shop, gym, etc.)? Ask God to grant you opportunities to eat with people.

• (S)erve:

- Who can you serve this week? Who do you know that has a practical need? Ask them how you can help.
- Before jumping into serving, have you taken the time to pray for, listen to and eat with these people? Doing these things first helps you discover the way that you really need to serve them.

• (S)tory:

- Share the story of Jesus and what He is doing in your life with others.
- Start by sharing how God has blessed you and made a difference in your life.
- Share your story in such a way that demonstrates that Jesus is also at work in their life.

Don't feel like you have to tell your life story at once. Think "bite-size" stories.

Prayer (10 Minutes)

Spend a few minutes praying for God's grace over each other, that we might become a people who surrender our lives to Jesus, and that there might be a sweeping renewal of the Holy Spirit in our city of St. Catharines and the Niagara Region. Ask that God would stir up within us a desire to be with him in prayer and to serve him, one another, and our neighbour in love.

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