

(Ephesians 1:15-23 NLT) Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere, <sup>16</sup> I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, <sup>17</sup> asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. <sup>18</sup> I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. <sup>19</sup> I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power <sup>20</sup> that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. <sup>21</sup> Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. <sup>22</sup> God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. <sup>23</sup> And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.

✓ Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ will follow your spiritual  
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### God's Spiritual System for Success:

Know God = \_\_\_\_\_ you into a saving relationship with Jesus

Find Freedom = \_\_\_\_\_ you up in the faith

Discover Purpose = \_\_\_\_\_ you for ministry

Make a Difference = \_\_\_\_\_ you out into the world

## Discussion Questions

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### Starter Questions

What were your top 2 favorite things that happened this summer?

What are you most looking forward to this Surge Group session?

### Group Discussion

Looking back on the message, what challenged you, encouraged you, or made you think?

Re-read our passage from Ephesians 1:15-23 and answer the following questions.

According to verses 16-19, what was Paul's main priority in his prayer life for the Ephesian church?

Do you share Paul's belief regarding the importance of knowing more of God? Why or why not?

Who in your life has prayed a prayer of growing to know God? How has it impacted you? Are you praying it for anyone else?

What are you doing to help yourself grow in your knowledge of God?

Consider Pastor Landon's statement about making an impression versus making a difference.

Share with your group a time in your life when you or someone else made an impression, but missed an opportunity to make a meaningful difference in someone's life.

Brainstorm new ideas for how we can move from merely "making an impression" to "making a difference" in this community?

Verses 19-23 of Ephesians speak of God's power, superiority, & authority. How can these characteristics of God ultimately benefit us and the church?

How can you live under God's authority this week? Which freedoms will you encounter?

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## Prayer Requests

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## Additional Resources

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### **Answer Key:**

*Success, System*

*Bring; Build; Equip; Send*

If you're interested in learning more about this process of What's Next, join us for NEXT, New Anthem's session for explaining why New Anthem exists, how to deepen your faith, and provide opportunities for you to learn and grow your spiritual gifts! Our next NEXT session meets October 4.

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## Announcements

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**Today is Surge Sunday!** New Anthem Church firmly believes in building you up in the faith through our small group ministry. Our Surge Groups (significant, Christ-centered relationship groups) meet for a 10-week session. Most groups are sermon-based, so what you hear on a Sunday morning is what you discuss during the week! We are offering 12 groups this fall. Register online, use your connection card, or speak with a group leader today! These groups will meet weekly until November 21.