



## Still Room For Wonder Series

### Small Group Material

### Participant Guide

## Part 3 - "Filling The Room"

December 10th, 2017

**Bottom Line:** We take in Christ's love so that it takes over our hearts.

**Study Verses:** Matthew 6:33-34, Ephesians 3:16-19

### Key Points

- *The desires of our heart drive everything we do.*
- *Encounter: what we see. Formation: what we become. Expression: what we do.*
- *We will do desperate things when we long to be loved.*
- *Jesus invites us to change where we set our eyes.*
- *Our lives flow out of what is inside our hearts.*
- *Your heart is changed by what you see.*
- *We're often looking for what we already believe.*
- *To seek is to look for something. To stare at something is to take it in.*
- *We run to expression too quickly.*
- *Attention is a cheap substitute for love.*
- *We want to seek before we notice. But, we must notice once we see.*
- *When you are filled with His fullness there is no room for shame, fear and regret.*

## **ENCOUNTER**

- We will do desperate things when we long to be loved. Over the years what have you looked to in your search to be loved?
- How has this drive to be loved influenced your relationships with others (people pleasing, insta likes, attention seeker, etc.)? In what ways did it impact the way you approach God?
- What do you see when you look at Jesus? Where did this viewpoint or impression of Him come from? Would you say this lens lines up with how He's described in Scripture? Why or why not?
- What's the difference between seeing God's work and seeing God's worth?

## **FORMATION**

- Read Matthew 6:33-34. How is "seek first God's kingdom" both a command and invitation? Why is Jesus so concerned about the lens we use to view the world around us?
- Read Ephesians 3:16-18. How does one begin to grasp how "wide, long, high and deep the love of Christ" is? Why does this involve more than just seeking but taking the time to stare intently at God's greatness?
- Read Ephesians 3:19. What promise does this passage contain to those who pursue God's heart?

## **EXPRESSION**

- What circumstances are you facing where you need to stop jumping to conclusions and looking for what you already believe? How can you begin to see this situation differently?
- Is God getting bigger or smaller in your world? What makes you answer in the way that you do?
- Where are you rushing to expression too quickly? How can you pause, reflect and let God's Word form you in this area?