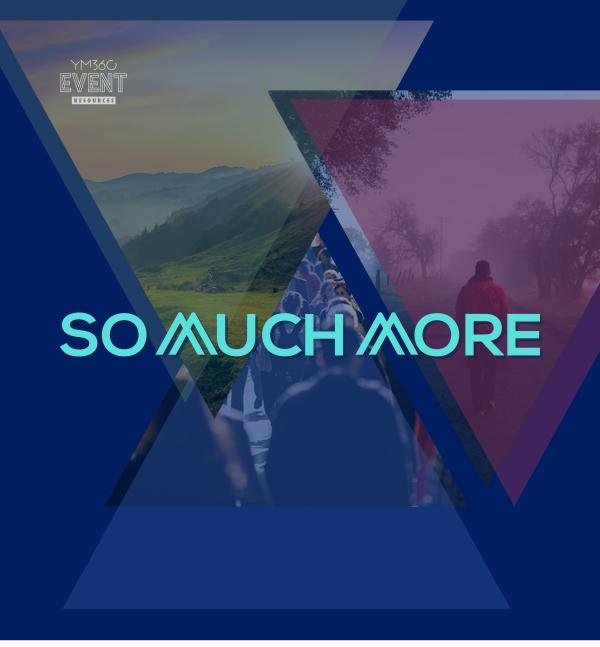
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# SOMUCH MORE INTRO V V V

As humans, our world can sometimes only be as big as conversations happening on the screen in our hands. Our future shrinks down to the next most pressing decision. Our routines hold us captive. And then something happens, and our horizons are expanded. Maybe it's a new relationship, an adventure, or a movement that breaks us out of our monotony. We expand our view of our surroundings, and profound things happen.

This is true in our lives, and this is WAY truer in our faith. As humans, we can become nearsighted and forget that there is a God who is eternal. We get stuck in our routines and lose sight of God's plan for us and the world. Our future shrinks down to the next most pressing decision, and we miss the "way-more-than-we-could-possibly-imagine" future God has for us.

So Much More is all about showing you that it doesn't have to be this way.

#### **Have You Prepared For The Journey?**

Ask yourself: Is my heart prepared to be challenged? Am I willing to be changed? If you can't answer "yes" to these questions, this journey might not be nearly as spectacular as it could be. Take a moment and silently talk to God in prayer if you need to. Ask God to radically move in your life.

#### You're Holding Your Map.

This book you're holding is the roadmap for your journey. It will help guideyour experiences. Write your name and the date in the front. Hold on to it. You may want to look back and remember this time in your life.

#### Learn. And Teach.

Keep your eyes and ears open for those valuable moments where God wants to teach you something. But don't miss the chance to teach your friends, and to be taught by them. Your friends are with you in this experience. Be open to what God is doing in and through them and how He might be using them to speak to you. And vice versa.

"[20] Now to him
who is able to do far
more abundantly than
all that we ask or think,
according to the power at
work within us, [21] to him be
glory in the church and in Christ
Jesus throughout all generations,
forever and ever. Amen."

- Ephesians 3:20-21

## LARGE GROUP NOTES

These two pages are designed for you to take notes on during Large Group Sessions. The stuff you're learning will build on itself over the next few sessions. So even if you're not much of a note-taker, you might want to at least jot down what you think is important.

#### Try writing down:

- Any specific teaching points
- Verse references for Scripture passages
- · Quotes that make you think
- Anything you have a question about

## SESSION 1

#### session 1

## SMALL GROUP INTRO

We can't help it. We take the most amazing things for granted, and we do it all the time.

It's easy to forget that the Internet wasn't widely used until your parents were maybe your age. You're the first generation born into a world where everyone has smartphones or a tablet. Wi-Fi is relatively new, all things considered.

It's so easy to take for granted how revolutionary these and other technological advances are. They've changed every aspect of our culture in a pretty short amount of time. And what do we do? We complain when the Wi-Fi is too slow or when we have to restart our phone. We take for granted the fact that we have more advanced technology at our fingertips than any civilization in the history of humankind.

We are pretty guilty of this regarding the technology surrounding us. We're SUPER guilty of this when it comes to God.

How completely mind-blowing is it that God allows us to know Him? The eternal, unchanging, all-powerful God who created all things allows us to be in a relationship with Him. Not only that, He WANTS to know us and be known by us. What a fantastic truth!

This first session will unpack this powerful concept. If you're ready, turn the page.

# GETTING STARTED

Shhhhhhhhhh! Try to guess the secret.

### THE SECRET

I'm thinking this is

's secret!

# SESSION 1 DIGGING IN

Work with your group to work through the Bible study activities on the next two pages.

DESCRIBE THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON YOU PERSONALLY KNOW:		
Read the following passage and follow the prompts below:		
[10] Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly. And David		
said: "Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. [11]		
Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the		
majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom,		
O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. [12] Both riches and honor come from		
you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is		
to make great and to give strength to all. [13] And now we thank you, our God, and		
praise your glorious name 1 Chronicles 29:10-13		
Draw a line under who David is directing his praise to.		
Draw a circle around every word David uses to describe God.		
Draw a box around every sentence or phrase where David mentions		
God's authority.		
• In the space provided, describe David's posture or attitude toward God.		

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

neither are your ways my ways, **DECLARES THE LORD.** 

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are MY WAYS higher than your ways and MY THOUGHTS than your thoughts.

- Isaiah 55:8-9

What does it mean that God's thoughts are not our thoughts?

What do you understand verse 9 to be saying about God and us?

If we were never able to know about God but know Him, how would this change the nature of our faith?

How do we know that God wants us to know Him?

#### **SESSION 1**

## Wrapping Up

How well do you know God? Answer the questions below to complete this activity.

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.

- 1 Chronicles 29:11