



More Fruit | James Powell | 02.16.2025

Weekly Study

SHARE

As group members get settled, take a few minutes to check in with everyone and see how life is going. Share an exciting story from this week, your highs and lows, an answered prayer, or something you're struggling with. If someone is really struggling, rally the group around them and take a few moments to pray over them.

- **Share a high, a low, and something interesting from this week.**
- **What's your favorite fruit? Is there a fruit you've always wanted to try but haven't had the chance to yet?**

GROW

Welcome to week three of More! This week, Pastor James delivered a powerful message about taking inventory of our lives and hearts so we can bear *More Fruit*. As we step into the “more” God has for us this year, Jesus reminds us in Matthew 7:16 that we will be recognized by our fruit. The reality is we're all producing more of something—the question is, what are we producing?

It's easy to focus on the fruit we hope to see and forget to examine our roots. If we're honest, many of us long for the fruit of God's kingdom while remaining rooted in places that feed the desires of the flesh. As James pointed out, a cactus can survive in barren places, and no matter

how many apples you tape to it, it will never become an apple tree. This week, let's ask God to tend the soil of our lives, remove what doesn't belong, and breathe life into the areas He wants to grow.

Read Ephesians 3:14-21, 2 Timothy 3:1-5

- **What was your biggest takeaway from Pastor James's message? How did it speak to you?**
- **What stuck out to you from the verses above?**
- **How does Ephesians 3:14-20 help us understand what it means to experience the "immeasurably more" that Paul speaks of in Ephesians 3:20-21? What might that look like in your own life?**
- **If being "filled to the measure of all the fullness of God" means experiencing more of His presence, how might He be inviting you into deeper intimacy with Him?**

M O V E

Pastor James reminded us that the question is not "if" our life is producing something, the question is "what" is our life producing. As we take some time to audit our own lives, he gave us three points to keep in mind, as well as three ways we can address these things by being rooted in love.

What is our life producing?

1. Whatever is in the soil will eventually be seen
2. The root of my life directs the fruit of my life
3. We don't have a sin problem; we have a love problem.

Three ways we can be rooted in love:

1. Be REAL with Jesus (have a conversation with Him about where you're really at)
2. Be COMMITTED to Jesus (do you just know about Him, or are you becoming like Him?)

3. Be the LOVE of Jesus (let your relationship with him transform your life in every way)

Read Galatians 5:16-25, Matthew 13:3-8, 18-23

- **How did the verses above speak to you?**
- **The type of ground you're planted in determines the 'more' you experience. So, where are your roots? (remember, we are known by our fruit)**
- **What is it in my life that God wants to address?**
- **Fertile ground—where seeds can be planted and thrive—requires intentional cultivation over time. The hard ground must be broken up, rocks, sticks, and weeds must be removed, nutrients need to be added, and the seeds must be carefully tended. How is God inviting you to cultivate the soil of your life so that the seeds He wants to plant can take root in good soil and bear immeasurably more fruit than you could ask or imagine?**

P R A Y

Lord, we ask that You strengthen us with Your Spirit in our inner being. May Christ dwell richly in our hearts through faith, and may we be rooted and established in love. Help us to grasp how wide, long, high, and deep Your love is, and let it overflow in every area of our lives.

Lord, we pray that You would fill us with Your fullness—immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine. Empower us to live on purpose, for a purpose, that we may glorify You in all that we do. As we step forward, let Your power within us be evident this week, and may we reflect Your love and grace to the world around us.