

# city beautiful CHURCH

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*“I see Him and now I am able to truly see myself,”* my friend offered. A few of us were talking after our evening study in Ephesians came to a close. She continued sharing how she had been quiet all throughout the discussion because God was speaking to her as each person chimed in. He was showing her who He is. I was moved to tears.

We’re in week three of our Ephesians series and the Lord is giving us the privilege of remembering. He has adopted us, given us an unbelievable inheritance, gifted us with power--the same power that raised Christ from the dead lives in us!--and He has made us alive for a purpose. As these truths are sinking in deeply, I see God renewing our minds. We are His Church. We have something of utmost significance to offer the world.

His Kingdom has come! We have Good News! And more than the

ability to proclaim this Good News, we have the power, through the Spirit of God, to demonstrate it to the people in our lives and the people of our city.

Personally, I cannot get over what the Apostle Paul lays out for us in Ephesians. To consider our position in Christ and the reality that **in this moment** we are seated in Christ at the right hand of the throne of the Father is absolutely mind blowing. This week, we’re asking our City Beautiful Church family to consider this:

In Christ, you sit in a place of honor and authority. Picture yourself there.

- What is the view like? How does it feel to be there? Do you notice anything different than you expected?
- As you sit there, look to the left to see the Father. He’s close by as you sit there in Christ. What’s

it like to have such close access to Him?

I cannot wait to hear what He shows each dear one as they spend time asking Him these questions this week. And I can’t wait to see what He shows me!

I pray we live from what we learn. I pray our lives are transformed and we truly step out as the Church God intended us to be--it’s an awesome journey! What a gift.

**Thank you** for your prayers and the words of encouragement you offered these past two months! He is meeting us. The Ephesians summer series is bringing our church together. And, He’s brining me to a place of rest in the midst of it all. I couldn’t be here without you...

Much Love,

**musings  
in  
ministry**

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