

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of November 13-19, 2023

## “WHAT WE NEED MOST”

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### GETTING STARTED

*To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.*

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

What encouragement would you give to your past self?

### GROUP DISCUSSION

#### Read Ephesians 3:14-21.

1. How do you approach God in prayer, and what does it mean for you to bow before the Father, as mentioned in verse 14? If God looks at the heart (1 Samuel 16:7), does our posture in coming before him matters? Why or why not?
2. Paul prays for believers to be strengthened with power through the Holy Spirit. What kind of strength do you think Paul is praying for here? Think about the ways in which you have tried to rely on your own strength. How can you shift your focus to rely on God's power instead?
3. What does it mean when Paul talks about Christ dwelling our the believer's heart? How you can create space in your heart for Christ to be at home in your heart? What one practice, habit or attitude change can you cultivate in order for this to happen?
4. In verses 18-19, Paul speaks about the breadth, length, height, and depth of Christ's love. Is it possible to experience and comprehend the vastness of God's love? In what ways does this perspective impact the way you live and your worldview?
5. Can you share a personal testimony or story where you experienced God doing more than you could have anticipated or imagined? How can such experiences serve to empower you to face life's challenges with confidence?
6. How can you personalize Paul's prayer for your own life and spiritual journey? How do you discern between personal desires and God's greater purposes in your prayers and decisions?

### NEXT STEPS

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

- ☐ I will seek the strength of the Holy Spirit.
- ☐ I will make Christ at home in my heart.
- ☐ I will seek to be rooted and established in God's love.
- ☐ I will trust in God's immeasurable power to work in me.
- ☐ *Don't forget to:*
- ☐ Go through the devotionals every day this week.
- ☐ Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.

### CLOSING THE SESSION

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray to seek more of what God desires for you more than what you desire for yourself.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who's going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

### BIBLE READING GUIDE

November 13	Ephesians 2:11-22
November 14	Ephesians 3:1-13
November 15	Ephesians 3:14-19
November 16	1 John 4:7-21
November 17	Ephesians 3:20-21
November 18	John 1:6-13
November 19	Acts 9:1-9