

Group Discussion 6-07-2020

When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:14-21

10 minutes (Relational Check-In*)

- 1. One thing that made you smile this week?
- 2. One thing you learned about yourself this week?
- 3.One thing you struggled with this week?
- *answer 1, 2 or all 3 check-in questions

20 minutes (Bible Study Discussion)

Read: Ephesians 3:14-21

- 1. What key words or phrases stand out to you?
- 2. What is the main idea or theme of this portion of Paul's letter?

Read: Ephesians 3:14

- 3. Here Paul begins with the words, "When I think of all of this," (In the NIV, "For this reason,")
- 4. What is Paul referring to by this statement?

Read: Ephesians 3:16

- 5. Paul acknowledges that God has unlimited resources. Do you ever worry about having enough "resources," whether physical, emotional or spiritual?
- 6. How can the truth that God has "glorious, unlimited resources," become more true in your life?

Read: Ephesians 3:18, Romans 8:38-39

- 7. Why does it take power to understand and believe the truth of God's love?
- 8. What feelings or thoughts come to you when you read about how big God's love is and how it can never be separated from you?

10 minutes (Prayer Requests & Prayer)

- 1. What burden are you carrying that we can join you in praying for?
- 2. What blessing can we join you in thanking God for?