

Small Group Study Guide, Week of September 15, 2024

Ephesians 3:14-21; “Strengthened by the Spirit”

Ice Breaker: Tell about a time when God answered a prayer you prayed for a fellow believer. What was the outcome for them? For you?

Dig:

1. In v14, Paul starts with “for this reason.” Look back to 2:19-22 and reflect on the reason(s) Paul prays as he does.
2. List the petitions Paul makes in his prayer. How do they relate to a) the Father, b) Christ, and c) the Spirit? In v19, what does Paul mean by “be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God”?
3. What is the source of Paul’s confidence as he prays?

Apply:

4. How does Paul’s prayer for the Ephesians compare to the way you usually pray for other believers? What lessons in how to pray for others can you apply in your own prayer life?
5. Who in your life right now could you pray for, similar to how Paul prays for the Ephesians? Write Paul’s prayer in your own words and try praying for that person.

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