

## Ephesians 3:14-21

### Week 6 - Praying Like Paul

#### **Ephesians 3:14–21 (NIV)**

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup>may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup>and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

<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, forever and ever! Amen.

? This passage starts with Paul saying in verse 14, 'For this reason' - what is this reason?

? In these verses, what is Paul praying for? What are the things you most commonly pray for or about?

? In verse 16, Paul prays that they would be strengthened. What is the strength he is talking about? Why do we need to be strengthened?

? In verse 17 Paul highlights that being "rooted and grounded in love" will provide strength. What other verses in the Bible come to mind when you think of tree or vine imagery?

? Considering these verses and verse 17, what does it mean to be rooted and grounded in love?

? Why does Christ's love surpass knowledge?

? Why is it so hard for us to grasp or understand God's love?

? How can we go about knowing a love that "surpasses knowledge?" Are there parts of God's love that you know you don't "know?" How can you and/or your small group remind you of those parts?

? If we actually believed that God can do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, how would that change the way we pray and live our lives?

? Has there been a time that God has done more than you asked or imagined?

### **For Discussion and Accountability**

? What are seemingly impossible things you could be praying for right now?

? What are ways we can encourage you through this?

Use this passage to pray and root yourself in love this week: Romans 8: 38-39. "For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."