

Growth Group Leader Guide

This “growth group leader guide” is meant to be just that, a guide. Please feel free as the leader of your group to add questions or comments as you feel necessary to fit your group’s dynamics.

Also, don’t feel pressured to cover every question.

Ephesians – “The depth of God’s grace lived out in love.”

Ephesians 3:14-21

3-Points of Sunday’s Sermon

- **For the purpose of being strengthened**
- **For the purpose of knowing love**
- **For the purpose of being filled**

General Questions:

- Think about your prayers the past several days. How do you think God would evaluate them? Why?
- What impressed you most about Paul’s prayer? Why?

Point 1: For the purpose of being strengthened (3:16-17a)

- What did Paul want his readers to have the strength to do? Why did that require strength?
- How does the Holy Spirit strengthen our inner beings?
- For the fifth time Paul mentions the “riches” of grace found in Christ (Eph. 1:7, 1:8, 2:7, 3:8, 3:16). He asks the Father to give the church power from His riches. What is the nature of these riches? What is the relationship of the working of the Spirit to these riches (see also 1:14; 2:22)?

Point 2: For the purpose of knowing love (3:17b-19)

- What truth is most meaningful to you as you contemplate Paul’s prayer for the believers at Ephesus?

- It is important that we understand not only the truth of all that we possess in Christ, but also that we are divinely enabled to live out our great salvation. Do you feel sure of God's love for you? Why or why not?
- "Breadth and length and height and depth" are used to express the great dimensions of the love of Christ (3:18). Why is strength from God needed to comprehend Christ's love? What would a lack of love within the church body have revealed about the Ephesian church?
- How does a person grow in awareness of Christ's love for him or her?
- How are God's love and power related?

Point 3: For the purpose of being filled (3:19)

- When have you felt God's power working in your life? How did you know? Explain.

Read Romans 8:31-39

- How does this passage relate to Ephesians 3:14-21?
- How do God's actions confirm His love for us?
- Nothing can separate us from God's love, Paul proclaims. What can you recall in Paul's experiences that would give him such confidence in and assurance of the love of Christ?
- Read Psalm 96. In what ways does Psalms depict more of the fullness of God?