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Ephesians 3:14-21

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Key Takeaways

- Being “in Christ” gives us a new identity and unites us as believers
- The local church is the hope of the world, empowered by the message of Jesus Christ
- Prayer enables us to draw our strength from the Lord and experience His fullness
- The power comes from God and the glory must go to God
- God wants to pour himself into broken and beautiful people who have been rescued by Him and His death on the cross

Prompts for Discussion:

1. Revisit the passage (Ephesians 3:14-21) as a group, and invite someone to read it aloud. What initially stands out to you from Paul’s prayer? What can we learn about the posture of prayer from this passage?
2. How would you describe your prayer life currently? What has been encouraging, and what has been challenging?
3. Dan said that “the local church is the hope of the world.” How have you experienced the local church as a source of hope in your life (i.e. growing in your faith) and in your community (locally and globally)?
4. Paul prayed for inner strength. Dan reminds us that “we are not praying to a depleting God...He is an infinitely rich God who gives according to His riches.” How does this personally encourage you in the situations and circumstances you may currently be facing?
5. God desires for us to seek to grow in His love and grasp it in all its dimensions. Dan said that “growing in love helps us make sense of everything else on the journey.” What do you think he meant by that? And how can we, individually and in community, grow in His love?
6. What are some ways that we can share God’s love with others in our lives this week?

7. Dan shared three application points with us. Which of these three most challenges or resonates with you? What might God's invitation be for you in that?
- Claim Christ's strength
 - Remember you are loved
 - Rest entirely in Him, not on ourselves
8. How will Paul's prayer influence the way you pray for others (i.e. your family, your community group, the church)? What might it look like for you to pray with more boldness?

Life Application

This week, focus on one area of your life where you need to draw more strength, love, or fullness from God. Spend time in prayer, asking for His guidance and support, and look for opportunities to share His love with others.