

Ephesians 3:14-21

Study 6: Paul's Prayer Part 2



Discussion Starter

Think of a time when you've truly given yourself over to prayer. A time when nothing else occupied your mind but prayer.

- Have you ever *had* such a time?
- What were the circumstances that led you to pray like this?
- How did it feel?
- What changes did you see occurring as you prayed in this way?



Why is Paul writing this?

1. *Paul begins this section with the phrase 'for this reason' (v.14). What was the reason?*
2. *When Paul says he kneels before the Father, is he being literal or not?*
3. *There are words of both power and permanence in vv. 16-17. What was Paul trying to convey?*
4. *Why does Paul pray for power to grasp the love of God? Why might this be so important?*

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How does this apply to or influence us today?

1. What general principles of prayer can we learn from this passage? What does Paul role model for us?

2. To what extent do we show the right reverence towards God in prayer?

3. Considering how Paul prays, how we can we pray more effectively (look at what specific things he prays for)?

4. How might Paul's prayers alter the way we see our brothers and sisters?

5. What does it mean for Christ to 'dwell in our hearts'? Isn't he already dwelling there, if we've given our lives to him?

6. On a scale of 1-5 (or 1-10), how rooted and established would you say you are in your faith? What needs further grounding?