

DOING LIFE TOGETHER

11. Earlier in our discussion we talked about practical ways we can sustain our connection to Christ (question 4). Why is this connection critical for our daily lives? What difference does it make?

12. Think about a specific time when you felt a strong connection to Christ. What did you learn through that season that could encourage someone who doesn't feel close to Him now? What next step do you need to take in an effort to strengthen your connection to Christ?

13. Have you ever turned the prayers we find in Scripture into your own prayers? How could you do this with Paul's prayer in these verses this week? What are the benefits of praying the words of Scripture?

Prayer Requests

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Sermon Notes

Loving as God Loves

Ephesians 3:14-21

What do I need to do with what I have heard today?

GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

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THINKING THINGS THROUGH

1. If you were to identify one guiding principle behind your life, what would you say that it is?
2. Why did you identify this particular principle? How does this one principle guide everything else you do?

DIGGING DEEPER

READ EPHESIANS 3:14-16.

3. In these verses Paul describes God as our Father for whom we are named. What is significant about this description of God and of us?
4. Why did Paul feel the need to go to God for spiritual strength? What does that teach us about the source of spiritual growth? What are some practical ways we can sustain our connection to Christ?
5. How have you observed the way in which living for Christ requires more and more spiritual strength? What could be the risk of trying to rely solely on our own strength instead?

READ EPHESIANS 3:17-19.

6. Paul could have prayed that the Ephesians would witness boldly, receive the gift of prophecy, or perform miracles. Why do you think he chose to pray for their ability to comprehend God's love instead?
7. How does grasping the magnitude of Christ's love for us give us the power to live the full lives God intends?
8. How might praying for these things help us share Christ and shine the light of Christ?

READ EPHESIANS 3:20-21.

9. What does verse 20 tell us about what we can expect when we pray to God? How have you seen Him do this in your life?
10. If God is exceedingly able to answer our prayers, why do some prayers go unanswered?