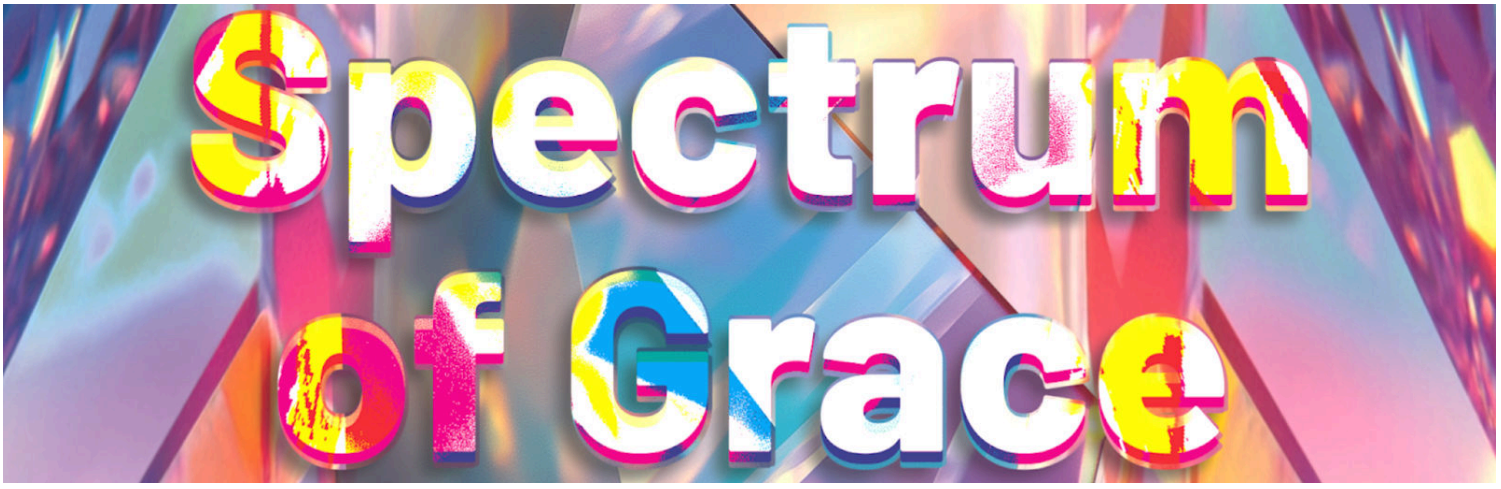


Week of November 23, 2025 - See What Is To Come | Small Group Lesson 8

Connect

Paul's profound prayer which covers all generations of the Church, takes only about 45 seconds if spoken out loud. If you were given exactly 45 seconds to pray for the future of your church family, what would you pray?

Verses - Ephesians 3:14-21 (NKJV)

Read aloud:

14 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height– 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Briefly restate the context. How is it encouraging, challenging, comforting, etc.?

Study

Answer the questions together based on the Bible verses:

1. Paul prays for the believers to be "strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man." Based on the text, why is this internal “strengthening” necessary for Christ to dwell in them?

2. After praying for the capacity for Christ to dwell in them, Paul then prays for the believers to comprehend the multidimensional aspect of Christ’s love. What is the purpose of knowing such love, is it just factual?

3. Paul finally prays for the fullness of God to dwell in them. What are people’s lives going to look like when God lives in them? Why is that God’s plan to bring Himself into the presence of the Church?

4. Why does Paul end in thanking God as the One *who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.* How does this assure us? (See Philippians 1:6)

Share

Discuss 1:

Pastor Jesse stated, "Pray that the good works you do become easier for you, because you’ll have to have a bigger vessel to carry love of God with!"In what area of your life are you currently trying to carry a "heavy" spiritual load with a "small cup" of faith? How does this now change the way you pray?

Discuss 2:

Pastor Jesse mentioned that God is the conductor of a multi-generational orchestra, noting that our individual prayers play a part in a larger symphony we cannot fully see. How does the idea that God might "mute you" or “make you sing louder” for the sake of His orchestra affect how you interpret unanswered seasons of silence or hardship?

Minister to one another through PRAYER sharing specific prayer requests.