

# Family Worship Guide

Sunday, July 10, 2016

## **Ephesians 3:14-21**

### **“Being Strengthened in Christ”**

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, <sup>16</sup> that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, <sup>21</sup> to Him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

## **QUESTIONS FOR CONVERSATION**

### **Getting Started**

- For what reasons do we pray to God?
- How often do we pray to God? Do you believe we pray often enough?

### **Going Deeper**

- How do you understand the biblical truth that God creates all human life?
- How do you pray for other people? Do you pray for unbelievers with the same boldness as you pray for believers?
- Do you pray for all believers with the same boldness regardless of their age, ethnicity, or economic status? In other words, do you pray for every tribe, tongue, people, and nation as Scripture leads?

### **Bringing it Home**

- How do you understand the concept of being “strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith?”
- What does it mean to be “rooted and grounded in love?”
- How are you able to “comprehend with all the saints...the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge?”<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Questions adapted from James Montgomery Boice, *Ephesians* (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1997), 107–112.