

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Passage: Ephesians 3:14-21

Introduction: Brenden talked about the power of God at work in us through the gospel of Jesus Christ. God saves us by faith in Christ, who lived, died and rose again for God's people, *while we were still sinners* (Rom 5:8). We grow in confidence and maturity as Christians by comprehending Christ's love in a deeper way and expecting God to work powerfully through it.

Additional passages: John 10:10-18; Romans 5:6-11; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 1:3-14, 2:1-10; Philippians 1:6; 1 Thess 5:23-24; Hebrews 2:10-18, 7:22-8:2, 8:10-12, 9:11-14.

Questions:

1. Brenden noted that the most important pursuit for Christians is comprehending Christ's love for them. Read John 10:10-18, Romans 5:6-11, and Galatians 2:20. What stands out about Christ's love for you from these verses?
2. The most powerful and important expression of Christ's love is His death and resurrection. What has the death and resurrection of Christ accomplished for you and for all of God's people? Consider Hebrews 2:10-18, 7:22-8:2, 8:10-12, 9:11-14.
3. Read Ephesians 1:3-14 and 2:1-10. List out things that are true of you because of your new identity in Christ. Which of these truths is particularly encouraging for you?
4. What enables you to rest mentally? Another way to think about this is what enables you to have relaxed confidence? How might God's love for you in Christ impact your ability to rest?
5. Brenden noted that Paul speaks of believers growing in knowing Christ's love together "with all the saints" (v. 18). Where could you use encouragement and prayer from others in the area of regularly contemplating Christ's love?
6. Think about your relationships with others over the past 6 months. Do your attitude and actions towards them reflect the freedom of being loved by Christ?
(This would be shown by not being overly concerned about what other people think, not being overly defensive or self-protective, etc. On the flip side, showing deep care and concern for others, not indifference.)
7. Brenden's final point was anticipate Christ's infinite power. What could you be asking God to do in your own life that you know is only possible with His help? How about our church as a whole?
8. Does your daily countenance reflect belief that God will complete in you the good work He has begun (Phil 1:6, 1 Thess. 5:23-24)? Does it reflect that He is powerfully at work in the lives of people around you?