

Family Worship Guide

Sunday, July 3, 2016

Ephesians 3:14-21

“Strengthened in Christ (Preview)”

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

²⁰ 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, ²¹ to Him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

QUESTIONS FOR CONVERSATION

Getting Started

- How do you picture God?
- How would you describe the character of God?

Going Deeper

- What is Paul asking God to do?
- What does it mean to you to have God’s Spirit in your inner being (v. 16)?
- Have you ever felt overwhelmed by the love of God? Can you describe that experience?

Bringing it Home

- If a person knew only rejection and pain in their relationships, how can this person come to understand the love of God in a personal way?¹

¹ Questions adapted from *Serendipity Bible for Groups*, 4th Ed. (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1998), 1627.