



This is the leader's guide, with suggested answers provided. You should also have a copy of the student study sheet, with only the questions. The suggested answers are *italicized* after the questions below. The questions in bold are not on the student study sheet, but are designed for you to ask as additional follow up.

### **PRAYERS FOR EPHESUS**

*Ephesians 3:14-21*

#### **GETTING STARTED**

How does it make you feel when you hear a friend pray for you, such as in Life Group?

- 1 What is the difference between the Apostle Paul's prayer that the Ephesians be strengthened "according to" the power of God's glory (v. 16) as opposed to being strengthened "out of" His glory?
- 2 This is not a prayer that we be given power, but that we would use the power we already possess. Why is this an important distinction?
- 3 What is the significance of the word "dwell" in verse 17?
- 4 Why do we need "strength to comprehend" God's love for us (verse 18)?
- 5 How does verse 20 describe the power of God?
- 6 What do we learn about the relationship between the church and Jesus Christ in verse 21?

#### **APPLY THE LESSON**

This prayer includes 3 specific requests on behalf of believers:

- To be empowered in our spirits
- To have Christ exalted in our hearts
- To be enlightened in our minds

As you consider your own needs, which of these 3 requests is most urgent right now? Would you be willing to share it with someone in the Group as one of your prayer requests?