

ABOVE & BEYOND

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS



Week 1

Text: Ephesians 3:14–15

Topics: Prayer, Blessing, Humility, Hope

Big Idea of the Message: As Paul begins to shift toward ethical issues in the second half of Ephesians, he prays for his hearers to have hope for the future and trust in God's plan.

Application Point: As we look forward to the new year and all it may bring, we need to base all our hope and trust in God, who can do above and beyond what we can imagine.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. How does Paul organize the letter to the Ephesians?
3. Why is Paul praying for the Ephesians?
4. Are you confident in God's goodness toward you? Why or why not?
5. How can we become more confident in the plans God has for us?
6. How can we pray for you?



Week 2

Text: Ephesians 3:16–17

Topics: Foundations, Spiritual Growth, Love

Big Idea of the Message: Paul prays that the gentile believers would be rooted in God's love so they can develop into the people God wants them to become.

Application Point: We need to ensure that all our hopes and dreams are rooted in the love of God and directed toward our spiritual development.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What does it mean to be rooted in God's love?
3. What does Paul mean by "heart" in these verses?
4. Why are outward appearances not always the best indicator of our health?
5. How have you been making room for God to move in your life recently?
6. How can we pray for you?



Week 3

Text: Ephesians 3:18–19

Topics: Love, Knowledge, Prayer

Big Idea of the Message: Paul wanted his audience to understand the power of God's indwelling presence in their lives.

Application Point: As we look to the future, we need to pray that God will reveal how important his presence is to our lives.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What does Paul want the Ephesians to understand about God?
3. How would you explain God's love for you?
4. What changed when you first began to recognize God's love for you?
5. When was the last time you reflected on God's love for you?
6. How can we pray for you?



Week 4

Text: Ephesians 3:20–21

Topics: Love, Worship, Praise, Expectation

Big Idea of the Message: After praying that his audience would know God's love, Paul concludes his prayer with praise for the God who can do infinitely more than we can imagine.

Application Point: As we look forward to the future, we praise the one who can do far more with our hopes and dreams than we could ever imagine.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Why does Paul's prayer end with praise?
3. What does it mean that God can do far more than we think or imagine?
4. How have you seen God exceed your hopes or expectations in life?
5. What are you dreaming for right now?
6. How can we pray for you?