

## Discussion Questions

Ephesians 3:20-21 - Far More Abundantly Really Real

Sunday, November 13, 2022

### Ice Breaker (Optional. Take just a few minutes on this):

1. How have you seen God at work in your life in unexpected ways recently?

### Reflecting on the Passage

1. Review the seven blessings and three prayer petitions Paul offers in Ephesians 1:
  - a. Blessings: Chosen (v. 4); Predestined (v. 5); Redemption (v. 7); Forgiveness (v. 7); Knowing God's will (v.9); Inheritance (v. 11); Sealed with Holy Spirit (v. 13)
  - b. Petitions: The hope of your calling (v.18); the riches of His inheritance (v 18); Greatness of His power (v. 19)
  - c. Which of these blessings/petitions catch your attention and/or grab your heart?
2. What does it mean that the church is the "fullness of him who fills all in all"? (1:23)
3. What are the ways Paul describes the new humanity in Christ? (2:19-22; 3:6)
4. How does Paul's doxology (vss 20-21) serve as a fitting conclusion to the doctrine he has presented in the first three chapters of the letter?

### Reflecting on your Life

5. What have you learned over the past several weeks from Ephesians 1-3 that has 1) encouraged you as a believer or, 2) enabled you to share the gospel with an unbeliever?
6. If Paul were your prayer partner, how might he encourage you in your devotional life?
7. In what ways do you find that your limited grasp of your blessedness limits how you pray? How might you grow in the realization that you are praying to a Father who gives lavishly from the abundance of his grace?
8. How important to you is a sense of connectedness to the local church body? If you heard that Trinity was about to split on some issue (hypothetically! It's not happening!! 😊), how would you react? In what ways are you seeking to strengthen the unity of the body?
9. Share an experience where you have experienced God answering a prayer with a filling of Himself (his nature, character, attributes).

### Deeper into Scripture

10. Trace the trajectory in scripture of God's desire to "fill" his creation. Gen. 1:22,28; 6:11-13; Exodus 40:34-35; Psalm 107:9; Isaiah 2:6-8; Habakkuk 2:14; John 1:14-16; Acts 2:2-4; 1 Peter 1:7-9; Revelation 22:1-4

From the bulletin.... ***Kingdom Implications for Your Life:***

11. *This week, read through Ephesians 1-3, half a chapter each day, and each day pause to pray something from the passage back to God.*