



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
R O C H E S T E R

Sermon Discussion Guide
November 12, 2023

Refresh

Read Ephesians 3:14-19 to get the Scripture passage back in your mind.

Discuss

Why does Paul direct this prayer specifically to God the Father? How is this consistent with how Jesus taught His disciples how to pray? How do these examples inform the way we should pray today?

Why would Paul want to remind himself and his hearers of God's ability to answer prayer in verse 16? Why are we often tempted to doubt God's ability to answer our prayers? What are some ways we can regularly remind ourselves of God's ability to answer our prayer?

In what ways does Paul's prayer focus more on the inner man rather than external circumstances? Why do you think Paul chooses this emphasis?

Why do you think our prayers often focus on external circumstances rather than our inner selves? What might a lack of prayer about our inner selves reveal about us?

How does Paul highlight the work of Christ and the Spirit in the lives of believers in this prayer? Why is it important that Christ and the Spirit are at work in us?

Paul's prayer shows us how we ought to pray as believers, specifically that we should pray for God to do a work in us rather than merely focusing on His work outside of us. Spend some time as a group reflecting on ways we need to grow internally and pray through that list.