

Sermon Title: Immeasurably More: Rooted and Ready

Sermon Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-21



Sermon Discussion Guide (5/04)

Begin the discussion by checking in with each person present and share prayer requests/praises with the group. Then, have one person offer a prayer for the group making sure to include any prayer requests that were mentioned earlier.

Scripture

Read Ephesians 3:14-21 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

Observation

According to these verses, how do we receive strength? How does the way strength is explained in these verses differ from how the world typically defines strength?

What specifically does Paul pray for the people of Ephesus to be able to grasp? Why do you think that this is the specific thing that Paul prays for the people of Ephesus?

How would you describe the difference between knowing about God's love with our heads versus experiencing Christ's love in our hearts? According to verse 19, what happens as we are able to grasp the fullness of the love of Christ?

Read John 15:1-5. What does this Scripture reveal to us about the nature and importance of abiding in Christ? What would happen if we chose not to abide in Christ?

Application

God is more interested in our character becoming more like Jesus than He is in our own personal comfort. In what area of your life might God be developing your character through discomfort or challenges? Is there a specific aspect of Christ's character that you sense God developing in you?

The depth of my roots determines the strength of my fruit. Presently, would you describe your own spiritual roots as shallow or deep? Are there specific areas of your spiritual life that God is seeking to deepen in you?

The root, the strength, and the fruit are love. How are you being filled with the love of Christ? How do you see the love of Christ leading you to bear fruit? If you are not being filled with the love of Christ, are there any changes you sense God calling you to make to your life so that you can more fully experience Christ's love?

Pastor Kenny concluded the sermon by inviting us not to try harder but to sink deeper and become rooted in the love of Christ. How is God speaking to you through this invitation? What will you do about it?

Prayer

Jesus, today we come not with plans, but with open hearts. We lay down striving. We pick up abiding. Root us deeply in Your love. Strengthen our inner being through Your Spirit. Form us, not just for the works You call us to do, but for the people You call us to become. Prepare us, Lord, for the immeasurably more You long to do, first within us, then through us. In Your holy name we pray, Amen.