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Study Guide

My Prayer



Ephesians 3:14-21 (NIV)

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Thoughts & Questions to Fuss With:

Describe a time in your life you felt the tension between the surety of the decision and the anxiousness of the unknown.

What childhood hero that modeled strength did you want to be like?

What biblical characters that modeled strength do you enjoy reading/studying?

Why is it so easy for personal power to become self-serving?

Paul prayed for the church in Ephesus to have strength so that "Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith." Share a time that's you struggled to give Jesus access to a "room" in your heart.

What are some areas of your life currently that you need spiritual power for Jesus to be "more at home"?

Why did Paul pray that the church of Ephesus "know this love that surpasses knowledge"?

What is the danger of possessing the knowledge of Jesus without experiencing the love of Jesus? Likewise, what is the danger of possessing the love of Jesus without the knowledge of Jesus?

What are the benefits of participating in spiritual knowledge and experience with others?

What are personal practices/disciplines you utilize in your life to grow in your knowledge of God's Word?

Describe a time that you experienced God's love and faithfulness in your life.

Paul concluded that God "is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine". What are some dreams you have for South Sub Church?