

# LG | Leader

[Ephesians 3:20-21]

## WARM-UP (10 mins)

It is likely that everyone present had a very busy day, maybe even a trying day. Let's take a moment to still our minds and go to the Lord in prayer.

- When you reflect back on Sunday's sermon, what impacted you the most? Anything that stirred your affection towards the Lord?

## ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

Open your Bibles to the primary text.

1. Read Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3:14-21. What have you learned about Paul from this prayer?

Paul is serious about the Lord. Writing from prison, he spoke as someone who was well acquainted with the love of Christ and the power of the Spirit. There is a sense of desperation in his writing that he wanted others to know/experience God like he knew God.

2. What have you learned about God in this prayer?

- God is worthy of honor (Paul kneels before Him).
- God is rich in glory.
- God has the power to strengthen your inner being with his Spirit.
- The love of Christ is extremely vast, yet knowable.
- God is capable of far more than we can fathom.
- God's glory is purposed for continuity (for generations to come).

3. Why should we desire God's power in our lives?

We are helpless without His power.

4. How does this prayer emphasize and support that we should pray for God's will over our own will?

(Verse 20) We are finite in our asking, believing and thinking. God is eternal; therefore, his will is able to do more than we can ask or imagine. So, it is absolutely wise for us to pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done," as it is the best possible outcome for us.

5. Has studying this prayer impacted how you approach prayer/God? How so?

[Dialogue]

6. What evidence is there that Paul is writing to us today? Why is this important?

In verse 21 he addresses the church and future generations; therefore, we need to pay close attention to what he is expressing here.

7. We are taking a break from Ephesians for the summer months. What will you take away from these opening chapters? How can emphasize what we are learning with our kids?

[Dialogue]

8. This is one of the most powerful prayers in the Bible, should you memorize it?...

## **PRAY**

**Use this time to pray specifically. Pray for the needs of others; locally and abroad.**