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WELCOME:
Fixing
Our Focus

Suggested icebreaker:
Ask each GG member how they can best describe God's love.

WORSHIP:
Adoring
Our God

Suggested songs:

- How Deep the Father's Love for Us
- Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

1. GG members will find strength from the Holy Spirit to grow and mature in the faith.
2. GG members will personally experience God's love.
3. GG members will grow and mature into Christlikeness.

INTRODUCTION

Paul prayed this wonderful prayer for the Ephesian believers. It is a prayer that we can also pray for ourselves that we may grow in our faith towards spiritual maturity. What were the specific things Paul prayed for and why are they important in our walk with God?

Paul prayed that the believers be strengthened with the Holy Spirit's power (vv. 14-17a)

1. What relationship did Paul portray God to have with every family in heaven and on earth?
2. Why did Paul ask that the believers be strengthened in the power of the Holy Spirit?
3. What does this tell us about the strength we need to grow and mature in the faith?

Application

Children

1. Have others prayed for you in the past? Who? What was it about that they prayed for you? Share.
2. How does it feel being prayed for by the people that love you?

Youth

1. Who can you ask among our family of faith to commit to pray for you this week for the strength and power that comes from the Holy Spirit?
2. What are some of the things that seemingly sap away your strength? Share with the group and ask them to pray for you regarding this.

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

Adults

1. What are the ways in which you appropriate the power of the Holy Spirit in your daily life?
2. What are examples of other sources of power we should avoid using to attempt to grow spiritually?

Community

1. Do you know a group or sector in your community/village that needs assistance? Pray to the Holy Spirit to direct you, to give you wisdom and strength to lend a hand and show God's love to these people.
2. As the national election is approaching, ask the Holy Spirit to give strength to our hearts and wisdom to our minds in choosing the right candidates; to be discerning and sensitive to our actions and words. How can you grow in faith by deciding whom to vote for?

World

1. If every family on earth is named after our Father in heaven, seek the Holy Spirit's guidance on how God can use you to share His love to an individual or a family from another nation.
2. As the Holy Spirit leads you to do this, be intentional in finding one. Look for opportunities. Journey with them. Ask the help of our church leaders for you to be involved.

Paul prayed that the believers comprehend the greatness of Christ's love (vv. 17b-19a)

1. What is the connection between "being rooted and grounded in love" and having the "strength to comprehend" the love of Christ?
2. What is the breadth and length and height and depth of Christ's love? (cf. Psalm 103:11-12)
3. How is it possible for believers to comprehend the love of Christ when it surpasses knowledge?
4. What is the connection between grasping the greatness of Christ's love and spiritual growth?

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

Application

Children

Choose a picture that shows or describes the overflowing love of Christ. Share why you chose that picture.

Youth

What are some of the concrete and specific ways you've experienced Christ's love lately?

Adults

How have you experienced Christ's love in the past few weeks? How does it affect your walk with God?

Community

How can you demonstrate the vastness of Christ's love in your life to those people in your community who continue to experience scarcity and unfairness? Prayerfully ask God to lead you to a recipient of His love in your community through you.

World

How can we minister to other nations so they too, can experience the greatness of Christ's love?

Paul prayed that the believers be filled with the fullness of God (v. 19b)

1. What does it mean to be filled with the fullness of God?
2. How does one fill themselves with God's fullness?

Application

Children

Praying and reading the Bible make us grow in Christ. What else can help us be more like Christ?

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

Youth

This coming week, what specific decisions can you make in order to become more like Christ? What things can you give up in order to spend more time in God's Word and in prayer?

Adults

What habits have you cultivated (or need to cultivate) that you are gradually transformed towards Christlikeness?

Community

Social Media now plays a big role in our everyday lives. Most of us belong to a group/groups or community one way or the other. In what ways through social media can we challenge or encourage our group/groups to thrive to grow and be more like the LORD Jesus Christ?

World

List down countries that need to be reached by Christianity so they can also be filled with the fullness of God. Take time to pray for each country this week. or Take time to share this with three (3) other people this week.

PRAYER ITEM

As a group, pray this prayer for each other. Then pray the same prayer for our church family. Finally, pray for Christians all over the world.



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