

GLORIOUS *Community*



For You This Week:

Try listening to (The Dwell App or YouVersion have audio options.) or reading this week's Scriptures out loud. Repeat it a few times throughout your day (in the car, while preparing a meal, etc..) to saturate your day with God's Word. Let Scripture spill out of your devotional time to touch the other parts of your day.

Developing Disciplines:

*Scripture
Memory*

For this series, we are going to focus on developing the discipline of memorizing Scripture. We will focus on three longer passages from Ephesians and provide tips and tricks along the way.

Copy the verse onto several index cards and use them as bookmarks. Determine to review the verse before you begin reading.

For You + Others:

Look to the Word

Open Your Time in Prayer:

As you approach God's Word together, pray that God's grace and peace would be given to you from God our Father (Ephesians 1:2).

Look to the Word:

- This week's memory verses start out our longer memory passage (3:14-21) for the summer. Read Ephesians 3:14-15 together a few times to start the memory process. Does it change the way you approach God in prayer to think of him as your heavenly Father? Why or why not?
- Our *Grace-Filled Woodlands* Priority states: "We aspire to be a community marked by grace." How does Ephesians 1:1-6 help you better understand how you have been marked by grace? How does an on-looker recognize that grace is covering your life?
- Another priority we have at Woodlands is to be *Growing*: "We aspire to be a community where everyone is growing in their knowledge of, trust in, dependence on, and obedience to Jesus." Which one of these phrases was highlighted for you from this week's passage (Ephesians 1:1-6)? How so? What does that mean for your life?
- Before you read through and study Ephesians, answer this question: What does God give us if we have faith in Jesus? (The Gospel Centered Life in the Bible study for Ephesians). Add to this answer as you move through this series in Ephesians.

"For this reason
I bow my knees before the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named,
that according to the riches of his glory
he may grant you to be strengthened
with power through his Spirit
in your inner being,
so that Christ may dwell
in your hearts through faith—
that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
may have strength to comprehend
with all the saints
what is the breadth and length
and height and depth,
and to know the love of Christ
that surpasses knowledge,
that you may be filled
with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able
to do far more abundantly
than all that we ask or think,
according to the power at work within us,
to him be glory in the church
and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations,
forever and ever. Amen."

Ephesians 3:14-21

Faithfully Following

Gospel in Everyday Life:

What truths about who God is and who you are come out of the memory passage? How do you do life differently this week because of those truths?

Dinnertime Discussion:

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For Further Study:

- *A Praying Life* by Paul Miller
- *Gentle and Lowly* by Duane Ortland
- *Praying with Paul* by DA Carson

Scripture Memory:

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