

GLORIOUS *Community*



For You This Week:

Do a little bit of research to find out about the Letter to the Ephesians (Who wrote it? To whom? Why was it written? What are the main themes to look for?) The familiarize yourself with the structure, watch The Bible Project's video on the overview of Ephesians: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/ephesians/>

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.

Stack habits (read it as many times as you can while brushing your teeth, stick it on a notecard on your shower wall in a ziploc bag, use the passage as a prayer before meals.etc...)

For You + Others:

Look to the Word

Open Your Time in Prayer:

Pray that God would lavish you with all his wisdom and insight, making known to you the mystery of his will as you read His Word together. (Ephesians 1:8)

Look to the Word

- According to Ephesians 1:7-14,, what causes someone to gain the inheritance mentioned in verse 11 (see verses 13-14)? Woodlands prioritizes teaching and studying God's Word as a means of transformation. How are you personally putting God's Word in front of you? How can I/we help you do that more effectively?
- Our *Grounded* (in the Word) Woodlands priority states: "The Bible is God's Word, our ultimate authority, and we seek to study it, understand it, and be transformed by it." Is there any portion of this week's sermon passage that you would like to understand better or study more in depth? How might a better understanding of this portion lead to transformation in your life?
- The Gospel Transformation Bible intro to Ephesians states: "The first half of the book is almost nothing but gospel explanation, while the second half is almost entirely gospel application - mind-boggling indicatives followed by grace-filled (and grace-motivated) imperatives." What "mind-boggling indicative" is striking you from this week's text? What does it say about who God is? About who you are? "*There is nothing more than the gospel, just more of it*" Is the gospel touching more of you, of your life? How so?
- Walk through each phrase in Ephesians 3:16-19 slowly. What do they each mean? How does each phrase function (as a reason, action, result, etc...)? How can you model your prayer after these ideas?

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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:

Walk through each phrase in Ephesians 3:16-19 slowly. What do they each mean? How does each phrase function (as a reason, action, result, etc...)? How can you model your prayer after these ideas?

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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