

Going Deeper Questions  
**How Does that Make You Feel?**

Ephesians 3:14-21

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1. (Icebreaker) Jeremy shared about going to the hospital. Have you ever had to go to the hospital? Share your story.
2. Paul sets the stage of his prayer by beginning with God (Ephesians 3:14-15). Have you ever bowed before God in prayer out of humility, submissiveness, and reverence? Should that be our practice?
3. Paul's prayer is first, for what in Ephesians 3:16-17a?
  - a. How have you been strengthened with power deep within lately (say in the last 6 months)?
  - b. According to verse 17 Paul was praying for Christians to have Christ dwell in their hearts. Doesn't He already dwell in a Christian's heart? What do you think Paul meant by that prayer? (hint: do you remember Jeremy's story of his dad and getting stitches)
4. Next, Paul prayed for love (Ephesians 3:17b-19a). Why is love such a challenge?
  - a. Jeremy said that we can't know the love of Christ (3:19a), if we don't love each other well (3:17b-18). Do you agree or disagree with that? Explain. What does loving each other *well* look like in our day and age?
5. The apostle Paul prayed for a true sense of fulfillment (Ephesians 3:19b). Jeremy said that that prayer has got to be the boldest prayer ever stated. Would you agree with that? Why or why not? Why is this part of Paul's prayer so profound?
6. Paul ends with a benediction. Do you believe—really believe that what Paul prayed for there can be a reality in your individual life, and in the life of our church? How could that change your/our life if we really believe it (be specific)?
7. Spend some time in prayer together going through the entire prayer of Paul's; taking a section at a time (here is a good breakdown: v.14, 15, 16, 17a, 17b-18, 19a, 19b, 20, 21).