**BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS**

*In preparation for Sunday*  
*October 25, 1998*  

**Passage: Ephesians 3:14-21**

**TODAY:** *From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?*

**Day 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**  
**READ THE PASSAGE**

Paul now turns from instruction to prayer.  
(a) What is the reason he prays? Why is he so concerned about the strength of the church?  
(b) Why does Paul remind the Ephesians that “every family derives its name from the Father?”  
(c) What doctrine about God the Father is he emphasizing? How does this doctrine affect our praying?  
(d) Compare the following passages—Dan. 4:34-35; Psa. 115:1-3; Acts 17:24-28. What do these passages tell us about God’s sovereign power? How should this affect our praying?

**Day 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**  
**READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) How does Paul pray?  
(b) Does this passage indicate that we need to kneel to pray? Compare the following passages—Gen. 18:22; 1 Chron. 17:6; Matt. 26:39.  
(c) What does Paul’s posture indicate about his praying for the Ephesians?  
(d) Paul prays for them to be strengthened in the inner man. Why not in the “outer” man? Compare these verses—2 Cor. 4:16; Romans 7:21-23.

**Day 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**  
**READ THE PASSAGE**

In verses 17-19, Paul prays for greater understanding of Christ’s love. He mentions four dimensions. Examine each one and consider greatness of Christ’s love expressed by each dimension.  
(a) the breadth of Christ’s love—How wide is His love? What do these verses tell you about the breadth of His love: Rev. 5:9, 11; Rev. 7:9; Gal. 3:26-28; Matt. 12:31; Acts 13:38-39.  
(b) the length of His love—How long will it last? What do these verses tell you about the length of His love: Jer. 31:3; Rev. 13:8 & 17:8; John 13:1; Rom. 8:38-39.

**Day 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**  
**READ THE PASSAGE**

Today, continue to consider the greatness of Christ’s love for you. Consider  
(a) the depth of His love—How deep is His love for you? How far did He go in loving you? Consider the following verses: 2 Cor. 5:21 & 8:9; Rom. 5:6-11; Phil. 2:6-8.  
(b) the height of His love—How high did His love raise us? Consider these verses: Eph. 2:4-7; 1 John 3:1-2.  
(c) How does Paul refer to this love?  
(d) What is one result of comprehending the greatness of Christ” love?

**Day 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**  
**READ THE PASSAGE**

Read verses 20-21.  
(a) What does this verse tell us about God’s ability to answer our prayers? Is He limited to give us what we ask for?  
(b) What might limit our praying? Consider the following passages: James 4:2-3; 1 John 3:21-22; Psalm 66:18.  
(c) What is the result of answered prayer? Why does Paul add the phrase “in the church?”

Summarize what you have learned about the greatness of God, His love and His willingness to answer prayer.
The Depths of God’s Love