

LIFE GROUP

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The Power of Love August 11, 2024

Summary

In this sermon on Ephesians 3:14-19, guest speaker Dr. Paul Borden emphasizes the profound and transformative power of understanding God's immense love for us. Grasping the depth of God's love is essential for living a victorious Christian life. He highlights how God's love assures us of His forgiveness and removes our guilt, which empowers us to overcome discouragement and grow in spiritual maturity. By recognizing God's love, we can avoid defeat, embrace our spiritual growth and serve God effectively.

Scripture

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family^[a] in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:14-19

Let's Start

Who has been a mentor in your life?

Gratitude and Prayer

How has God worked in your life since we were together?

Let's Talk

1. How does understanding the depth of God's love affect our daily lives and spiritual growth?
2. What happens when we confess our sin to God?
3. Dr. Borden listed nine reasons for discouragement: failure, comparison, criticism, lack of progress, isolation, feeling overwhelmed, self-doubt, extenuating circumstances and guilt. Have you dealt with any of these recently? How can awareness of God's love help us overcome feelings of discouragement and failure?
4. Reflecting on Ephesians 3:16, what are some personal or practical ways we can strengthen our inner selves to remain resilient in our faith?
5. In the message, Dr. Borden shared six descriptions of maturity:
 - emotional stability/resilience
 - responsible/accountable
 - wise perspective

LIFE GROUP

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- adaptability/flexibility
- empathy/compassion
- work/network well with others

Which of these areas do you especially need to focus on?

6. What role do mentors, parents and teachers play in helping us understand and apply God's love in difficult situations? How can we support one another in this regard?

Let's Act

Is there someone you are mentoring—officially or unofficially? How can you encourage him/her this week?

LIFE GROUP

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

