

EPHESIANS – Week 5

Life Group Notes



CONNECT QUESTION

What is your favourite fairy tale of all time?

If you could do a guest appearance for a performing artist or pop singer, who would you join and what would you do?

Ephesians 3:14-21. For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family 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. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

What was it like in your life before you met Jesus (BC – before Christ)? What's your story? How did you meet Jesus? Why do you keep following Jesus?

Ephesians 3:17-18 “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,

Rooted – Agricultural term – consider the trees at Evans Bay Parade – they are on a little lean! From the start of their growth, they have had to deal with the northerly wind. They have put down deep roots in order to be able to stand up in the wind. Other trees topple, but those grown in adversity whose roots go deep into the right soil remain!

Established – Architectural term – Consider the new building at 20 customhouse quay – it took forever to build, and they spent a long time drilling down and going deep for the foundations. If you don't go deep, you can't go high!

Thinking about these two pictures (trees and buildings) what stands out to you from the verses above? What do you think Paul was trying to emphasise? How should we live in light of these verses?

Check out **Colossians 1:19-20**. What do you think “immeasurably more” looks like? What does it look like when we consider the verse through the lens of loving people the way God loves us?

It is by GRACE that we have been saved through FAITH! As Christians, we need to get back to the basics, and to be set on fire to tell our story of Jesus. What opportunities are there in your world to share Jesus with those around you? What are some of the barriers you encounter when attempting to share your faith? What stops you? What keeps you going?

Check out **Romans 10:13-15**. What does this verse say to you? What stands out? What role do you think you have in this task of sharing the Good News?

Take some time this week to share your story with those in your Life Group as if they are not followers of Jesus – give each other feedback and encouragement – so we are as prepared as we can be to share our story when the opportunity comes our way!

PRAYER

Take some time to give thanks to God for your salvation – a time of praise and thanksgiving

Pray that we would be on fire to share Jesus with those around us!

Pray that we would love people the way God does.