

Sermon Notes

“Praying Truth into Experience” (Eph 3:14-21) May 31, 2020

Theme: Humble prayer invites God to bring truth into everyday life.

➤ **Posture of our heart (3:14-15)**

➤ **Three requests:**

“He might give you...” (3:16-17)

“You may be empowered...” (3:18-19a)

“You may be filled...” (3:19b)

➤ **Pray: (3:20-21)**

Listen: What is God saying about Himself?
Who is He saying you are &
His plan for your life?
What is He inviting you to do?

Respond: Tell Him what He means to you.
Say how you now see yourself
Receive His invitation &
commit your life to Him.

Discussion Questions

- If you’re honest, what areas of your life do you remain self-centred, self-dependant and prideful? In what ways do you need to humble yourself and “bow your knee?”

- Of the three things Paul prays for you to receive, which one are you in most need of? What would it look and feel like to experience the Spirit in your inner-person; Christ in your heart?

- God promises to give “according to” his riches? What are his “riches”. How would receiving these change your circumstances? How do we receive them & live in them daily?

- How do we make sense of “knowing” the love of Christ which “surpasses knowledge?” How could knowing and living in the love of Christ be experienced in each area of your life: value of yourself? Relationships? Work? Church community? Service?

- What is your prayer life like? Is it a one-way conversation? Who does the talking? The listening? Is it conversation in a personal relationship or a life-line only used in times of need? How is God convicting you about both aspects of prayer - Listening and responding?

