



LIFEgroup Homework

Week of March 8, 2009

Success at What Cost?

Ephesians 3:14-21

Has anyone noticed that the economy isn't doing real well right now? Have you noticed that the god of this world, materialism, isn't coming through as advertised? Many today are depressed, losing hope, and experiencing despair because they have placed their confidence in the wrong things.

What good are the things money can buy if you don't have the things that money cannot buy? The best things in life are things that don't require money. What good is a diamond ring if you don't have a faithful relationship? What good is a mansion on the hill if you don't have good health? What good is a ticket to Disneyworld if you don't have someone to join with you?

When you pray for someone, what do you pray for? Material wealth? A successful career? Fringe benefits? When Paul prayed for the Ephesians, he prayed for far more important things. In Ephesians 3:14-21, we see a prayer of "blessing," that is appropriate for any age and any economy.

Sharing Question:

When you were 10 years old, what was one thing that you wanted that you thought you could not live without?

What is your greatest blessing today?

Getting Started (questions):

What was one testimony, insight, principle, Scripture passage or comment from Sunday's message that you remember most?

Homework:

Read Ephesians 3:14-15

When was the last time you were so serious about prayer, that it drove you to your knees?

What was the reason for Paul's prayer (review Ephesians 1-2)

Three times in verses 14–21 Paul mentions “love” and “power.”
What three insights into love do we learn?

What three things do we learn about our need for God's power?

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Read Ephesians 3:18 and write a prayer to God for four people:

Lord, Your love is wide enough to reach every person on this planet, so I pray for those in the nation of...

Lord, Your love is long enough to give hope for those who have lost hope, so I pray for my friend _____ who is going through a tough season of life...

Lord, Your love is high enough to reach the heavens, so I am asking a God sized prayer for the impossible for _____.
By faith I ask...

Lord, Your love is deeper than any sin, so I pray that You will open the eyes of my friend who has been blinded by sin...

Read Ephesians 3:20-21

What is one thing you are "asking" God for?

What is one thing you can "imagine" God doing in answer to prayer?

What is something that God can do that would qualify as being more than you can imagine or ask?

If God can do immeasurably more than anything you can ask or imagine, what should this mean for your motivation to pray?

Write down the names of those whom God is putting on your heart to pray Ephesians 3:16-21 for this week:

Memory Verse:

Numbers 6:24-26 *"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace."* ' NIV

