

## Discussion Guide | Week 6: Extraordinary Love & Power | March 20, 2022

**OVERVIEW** This passage finishes up the first half of the book of Ephesians. It leads us into the second half which looks at how we live out what Paul has already taught us. Paul finishes this part by reminding us how much God loves us & wants to work both through us & in us. As we grow in intimacy with Jesus, we come to understand his unfathomable love & power in our lives. It is a beautiful thing when someone comes to learn this, understand it, and live it out. As we understand & witness this love & power, God will use us in the ways he has created us.

**KEY VERSES** Ephesians 3:14-21 (NIV); Matthew 28:18 (NIV)

**REMEMBER** What's something you did as a child that you still really enjoy? A food you liked, a game you played, a family tradition—something you still do once in a while. Share.

**REFLECT** As you think back to Pastor Lee's message, what stuck out to you? Was there something new that you learned, or maybe something it has you rethinking? Explain.

**RESPOND** Pastor Lee shared an overarching theme for his message: "As we grow in intimacy with Jesus, we come to understand his unfathomable love and power in our lives." Think about what that has looked like for you in your own journey following Jesus. As time has gone on, how has your intimacy grown with Jesus? In what ways has it impacted how you understand & experience his love & power at work in your life? Share.

**REAL LIFE** Pastor Lee asked us to consider whether we're so deeply rooted in Jesus that if a tornado hit our lives (i.e. – a difficult circumstance or a tragedy) we would still be standing. How would you answer that question? What do you need to do this week to get closer to Jesus? Share. *Note: Be specific about a particular way, place or time you can set aside. Then go do it!*

**PRAYER TIME** As you close your time, pray the words of Paul's prayer from Ephesians 3. This prayer is ideal for a group of people learning how to serve God & build up the church!

"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." (Ephesians 3:14–21, NIV)