

# GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

## Beyond Measure

Week of September 15, 2019

### Week 2: Grasping the Love of Christ (Jeff Griffin, Senior Pastor)

Text: Ephesians 3:17-18

Paul prayed that the believers in Ephesus would grasp the magnitude of Christ's love for them. We must strive for the same. This week we looked at how the person and work of Christ reveals the love of God.

**Kicking it off:** Jeff kicked off his sermon with a story about how he fixed a "plumbing problem" at his house. What is the most ambitious plumbing project that you have fixed by yourself?

#### Discussion:

1. Reread *Ephesians 3:17b-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."

Why is it difficult for many people to "grasp" the immensity of Christ's love for them?

2. Reread *1 John 4:9* This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world.

How does the incarnation reveal the love of God?

3. Reread *Romans 5:8-9* God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. We have now been justified by his blood.

How does the doctrine of justification demonstrate the love of God?

4. Reread *Ephesians 2:4-5* Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive in Christ.

What is the doctrine of regeneration and how does it demonstrate the love of God?

5. Reread *1 John 3:1* See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

What is the doctrine of adoption and how does it demonstrate the love of God?

6. What has helped you believe that God loves you?

7. How would you help someone struggling to believe that God loves them?

**Wrapping It Up:** Pray, as Paul did, that God would supply the power and help needed to grow in more and more awareness of Christ's mind-boggling love for you.