

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Beyond Measure

Week of September 22, 2019

Week 3: Experiencing the Love of Christ (Jeff Griffin, Senior Pastor)

Text: Ephesians 3:19

After praying that they may “grasp” the magnitude of Christ’s love, Paul goes on to pray that they might also “know” this love. At first, the prayer seems redundant. However, we discovered that to Hebrews, “knowing” meant “experiencing.” Paul wanted their mental comprehension of Christ’s love to become a personal experience of His love.

Kicking it off: Jeff shared that he had learned a lot about sailing but had never sailed. Can you think of anything you know a good deal about, but have never experienced? Tell the group about it.

Discussion:

1. Reread *Ephesians 3:18-19* “...to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge.”

Why do many Christians know about Christ’s love without ever feeling it?

2. Would you be willing to share of a time that you felt loved by God?
3. Reread *2 Thessalonians 3:5* May the Lord direct your hearts into God’s love.

What does this verse mean?

4. Reread *Joshua 1:8* Meditate on this book day and night.

How can meditation on scripture help us to experience God’s love?

5. Reread *John 21:20* Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them.

Notice how John refers to himself. John found his identity in being loved by Jesus. Most people find their identity in their job or their relationships. Where do you find yours?

6. Reread *Lamentations 3:21-22* This I call to mind and therefore I have hope: The LORD’s great love never ceases.

The writer is intentionally directing his thoughts to God’s love. Do you battle to turn your thoughts in helpful directions? If so, share about it.

7. How would you guide someone desiring to experience God’s love?

Wrapping It Up: Pray that the members of the group would seek and encounter the love of God.