

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Beyond Measure

Week of September 29, 2019

Week 4: Transformed by the Love of Christ (Jeff Griffin, Senior Pastor)

Text: Ephesians 3:19b

In our final week of this series we studied the results of experiencing Christ's love. We learned that through encountering the Lord's love we are transformed to be more like Him.

Kicking it off: Jeff revealed that his socket set is one of his most precious possessions. Do you have any "tools" that are precious to you? Tell the group about it.

Discussion:

1. In *Ephesians 3:19b* Paul described the result of an experience of Christ's love: "...that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

How has the love of God helped with the emptiness in your soul?

2. Reread *Colossians 2:9* "In Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form."

How does this verse help us understand what the "fullness of God" is?

3. Reread *1 John 4:19* "We love because he first loved us."

How does God's love for us help us to love others?

4. Reread the words of Jesus found in *John 15:11* "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."

Has God's love ever brought you joy? If so, describe the experience to your group.

5. Reread *1 John 4:18* (NLT) "Perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love."

How does the experience of God's love for us expel fear?

6. How has God's love changed you?

Wrapping It Up: Pray that you may experience the transforming power of the love of Christ.