

Feb 16/25 - "A God's-Eye View" – Ephesians 3:14-21
(Leader's Guide)

1. Why is Paul driven to his knees in verse 14?

Paul has been trying to convey a vision of the 'alternative reality', and knows that without the Holy Spirit's help, none of this will land for his readers.

2. There are many words and images that Paul uses in this prayer. What are some of them? Which ones especially stood out to you? Why?

Some of the images: Father, from whom every family...; riches of his glory; strengthened in your inner being; Christ may dwell; rooted and grounded; strength to comprehend the unknowable; the dimensions of love; filled with the fullness of God. This question can take up the most time – there is lots to explore!

3. What does it mean to be filled with the fullness of God?

It means to be filled up to capacity with the Spirit – to be like Christ, who is the fullness of God. It means to reflect his image perfectly.

4. Karen called verse 20 prophetic. In what way is it prophetic? Do you find that inspiring? Why or why not?

Paul prayed to God, who can do far more abundantly than all that we can ask or think – and he couldn't have imagined or thought of the ways that God would use his prayer over the millennia and miles. This can be an encouraging thought, that God can use our prayers to far greater effect than we can imagine.

5. What are some things that are driving you to your knees today? As you are comfortable, share with the group and pray about them together.