



REFLECT:
(20 minutes minimum)

9. What grade would you give your prayer life today?

A—I feel really connected to God and spend time with him often.

B—I'm having devotions and think that he is hearing me.

C—I'm doing all right but I could pray more regularly.

D—I usually pray at meals.

F—I wonder if God would recognize my voice.

How would you like to improve that grade?

10. What can we pray about for you today?

11. It's easy to talk about needing a better prayer life. What can we do as a group to hold one another accountable for improving our prayer lives this week?



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Ephesians #7

POWER PLANT

EPHESIANS 3:14-21

This is one of those lessons that you shouldn't just talk about and not put into practice. Consider what Paul prays for in this text in comparison to what we usually pray for.



OPEN:
(2 minutes)

1. What did/do you want to be when you grow up?

2. Share a time when you know, without a doubt, that God answered a prayer of yours or someone you know.



Read Ephesians 3:14-21

3. What does it mean to have God's Holy Spirit "in the inner man" v.16)?
4. How does one become "firmly established in love" (v.17)? Why does Paul feel that this is important?
5. Paul prays in verses 18 and 19 that his readers "may be able to comprehend" the love of God which "surpasses knowledge." How can this be possible?
6. What would you expect to see happen in people for whom a prayer like this was being fulfilled?
7. What could you learn from Paul's prayer for your own prayer life?
8. If God is "able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think," (v.20), how should that affect your prayer life? In what circumstances do you need to believe this right now?

Where are we meeting next?

Remember that we want to share hosting duties in our group. We've been meeting for two months. Where will we be next?