

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Ephesians 3:14-21

Home Improvement

Getting Started

Tell about a place you've stayed where you felt especially welcome.

Digging In

1. **Read Ephesians 3:14-21.** Paul now launches into the prayer he began in 3:1. What do you think Paul is referring to by the words *for this reason*? (Review 3:1-13)
2. Why would the phrase *his whole family* have special relevance in light of what Paul has just written in 3:6?
3. What is the main point of Paul's request in vss. 16-17a?
4. Since we know that Christ already lives inside of every Christian by his Spirit, what do you think is Paul's point in 17a – *that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith*?
5. If Christ is really making himself at home in our lives, how will that help us to be *rooted and established in love*? (v. 17b)
6. Put Paul's prayer request in v. 18 into your own words.
7. What is the difference between knowing about Christ's love, and knowing his love personally and experientially?
8. Paul's prayer requests have been moving toward the goal he gives in the second half of v. 19. What do you think it means to *be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God*? (Compare 4:13)
9. How does the doxology in vss. 20-21 give us assurance that God can answer Paul's breathtakingly bold prayer?



Getting Personal

- What would need to change for Christ to be more at home in your life?
- Are you able to truly enjoy God's love for you? Explain.
- How is your experience of God's great love shaping you into the image of Christ?
- Use Paul's prayer as a pattern to pray for yourself and Shoestring.