



## Community Group Guide

### “Power”

### Week of January 24

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#### Check-in

1. What lessons did you learn from your time in the Word this week?
  2. Who did you share the gospel with?
  3. What has God done in your life that's encouraging over the past week?
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#### Scripture

Read *Ephesians 3:14-21*

#### Key Point From Message

Aspirational truths we want to be a reality for us in light of Paul's prayer:

- Would we allow the power of the Holy Spirit to transform us
  - The transformation process that Paul is describing is NOT one that is done by us, but one that is done in us. It's not one done by your own efforts, but done through the strength and power of the Holy Spirit
- Would we be rooted and established in the love of God
  - The love of God through Christ isn't just something to know about, it's something to experience!

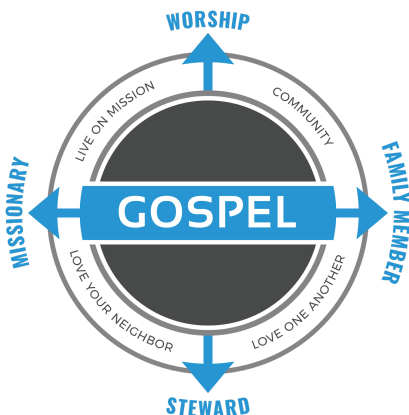
**Other Scripture Referenced:** *Luke 9:23*

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#### Discipleship Group Framework

D-group discussions in smaller gender-specific groups help to reveal our blind spots to sin. If this week is a D-group week, the discussions should be focused on confession of sin, providing accountability, and encouraging each other to live in the gospel. Focus on the questions under the “Discover” section and how this week's Scripture relates to our lives.

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#### Image Church Core Values

When the gospel defines our lives it should impact everything we do. Living by the gospel should cause us to:

- Grow towards God through daily worship
- Love one another by gathering as family members
- Mobilize as missionaries for God's kingdom
- Be more generous stewards as we leverage our time, talents, and treasures for Christ.

As we study and discuss the text from this week evaluate how you can grow in each of these four areas.

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**Discover**

1. What stands out to you in this passage of Scripture?
2. What does the text say about the character and nature of God?
3. What does the text say about the work of God?
4. What does the text say about our identity?
5. How does this change the way we live?

**Deepen**

1. What challenged you about this week's message?
2. Where does the strength and power for change come from?
3. Where do you look most often when trying to change?
4. What's the biblical definition of surrender? What area of your life do you have trouble surrendering to God?
5. How do you surrender to God?
6. How would you describe the limitless dimensions of God's love? Share a story of a time that helped you see the depth of God's love.
7. How are you currently pursuing God's love? How can you encourage others to pursue God's love?
8. How is this message changing the way you pray for the church?

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**Action Step**

In verse 18 Paul prays that we would lean into the power of the Spirit and grow deeper in our knowledge of God's love together with all of the saints. Paul knew that we need other believers in our life. Discuss how your group can help each other to mature in your walks with Christ. Discuss where you need to hold each other accountable.

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**Memory Verse**

*<sup>9</sup>For this reason also, since the day we heard this, we haven't stopped praying for you. We are asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, <sup>10</sup>so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God, <sup>11</sup>being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, so that you may have great endurance and patience, joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the saints' inheritance in the light.*

-Colossians 1:9-12 (CSB)

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