

Summary

This sermon focuses on God's abundant nature and His desire to do "far more abundantly" than we can ask or think, as described in Ephesians 3:20. The pastor emphasizes that God is not a God of scarcity but of abundance - providing abundant mercy, grace, love, and provision. The key to experiencing this abundance is being rooted and grounded in God's love, which serves as our foundation. The sermon concludes with the pastor leading the congregation in praying the Ephesians prayers over their church, families, and themselves, emphasizing that God wants to fill us to overflowing with His presence and power.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before You today with open hearts and minds, ready to receive what You have for us in this time together. We ask that You would speak to each person here according to their need and help us to be receptive to Your Spirit's leading. Lord, remove any distractions or barriers that might prevent us from hearing Your voice clearly. Fill this space with Your presence and help us to grow closer to You and to one another. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ice Breaker

What's one thing you've received that was much more generous or abundant than you expected?

Key Verses

1. Numbers 20:11
2. Deuteronomy 30:9
3. John 10:10
4. Ephesians 3:17-21

Questions

1. How does understanding God as an 'abundant' God change the way you approach prayer and your relationship with Him?
2. What does it mean to be 'rooted and grounded in love' as described in Ephesians 3:17? How can we practically cultivate this in our daily lives?
3. The pastor mentioned that sometimes we limit God. In what ways might we unconsciously put limitations on what God can do in our lives?
4. How does the love of Christ 'surpass knowledge' and what does this mean for how we understand and experience God?

5. What's the difference between doing things in our own strength versus doing what God has called us to do? Can you share an example from your own experience?
6. The sermon emphasizes being 'filled with all the fullness of God.' What do you think this looks like practically in a believer's life?
7. How can we as a church body experience God's abundance together in ways that are 'more abundantly' than what we could experience individually?
8. When you think about God doing 'far more abundantly than all we ask or think,' what hopes or dreams come to mind that you've perhaps been hesitant to bring to God?

Life Application

This week, identify one area of your life where you've been limiting God or operating in your own strength. Spend time in prayer asking God to show you His abundant provision and power in that specific area. Practice being 'rooted and grounded in love' by meditating on God's unchanging love for you daily, and look for opportunities to extend that same abundant love to others around you.

Key Takeaways

1. God is an abundant God who provides abundantly in all areas - mercy, grace, love, provision, and forgiveness
2. Being rooted and grounded in God's love serves as our foundation and source of strength
3. God wants to do 'far more abundantly' than we can ask or think according to His power working within us
4. We often limit God by trying to do things in our own strength rather than following His direction
5. God's love surpasses human knowledge and understanding, and He wants to fill us with His fullness

Ending Prayer

Lord, thank You for revealing Yourself as our abundant God who desires to do far more than we can ask or imagine. Help us to be rooted and grounded in Your love, drawing our strength and identity from You alone. We pray that You would remove any limitations we've placed on You and fill us with Your fullness. May we experience Your abundant life not just individually, but together as Your body, the church. Work in us and through us according to Your power, and may You receive all the glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.