

A 4-week small group that teaches you how to LIVE life as a Jesus Follower, establishing a relationship with Jesus and learn daily habits that will keep you in Christ and help you grow. Each week will cover a different topic and its very important that you attend each week.



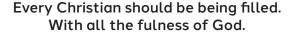
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# THE GOSPEL-CENTERED LIFE

THE FULL LIFE EPHESIANS 3:14-19

WEEK 11



By now, everyone is familiar with the famed theoretical physicist Julius Oppenheimer. A whopping 1 million people viewed the recent movie named after him in the first three weeks of its showing. And, in that, people were reintroduced to the development and deployment of the first nuclear weapon that harnessed the power of nuclear fission. Nuclear fission begins when a neutron collides with a uranium atom and splits it. What follows is a chain reaction that leads to the full extent of a nuclear detonation. Each link is sequenced for the full power of the bomb to be released.

Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3:14-19 functions in a similar way. The full extent of what Paul was seeking in the lives of these Christians was that they would be filled with all the fullness of God. Something that I am sure each of us deeply desires. To get there, Paul links specific prayers in sequence. The fulfillment of these prayers is interconnected and essential for the full power of God's fullness to be released. To think that being filled with all the fullness of God is just a few prayers away in your life and in the ones you love. This is a prayer you want to begin praying today!

## (10 min) OPENING PRAYER

Pray that God will permeate your time with His presence. Ask God to make your time together life transforming.

### (25 min) TIME TO CONSIDER

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through this week's lesson, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

1. What does it mean to be filled with all the fullness of God? Do you desire that in your life? Is there anything in your life getting in the way of you experiencing this?

## Matthew 6:21 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

- 2. What does it mean for Christ to dwell in your heart by faith, and how does this root and ground you in love?
  - 1 John 4:18 "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us."
- 3. Describe what it means to comprehend with all the saints the breadth, length, height, and depth of Christ's love. Describe what this has looked like in your life

WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSES: Ephesians 3:14 "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God"

**EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT TOGETHER:** Spend time as a life group praying and discussing the key things that emerge from your discussion of this week's questions. Paul's prayer has five sequential links. Pray each of these for one another. During your time of prayer, be open to a Scripture, a word of wisdom, or a word of knowledge that God may give you for someone. Be bold to share it in love.

#### (5 min) LIVE IT

Be intentional about centering each day this week around the presence of Christ in your life. Begin each day in prayer and dedicate daily time to reading Scripture. Pray Ephesians 3:14-19 for yourself and specific loved ones each day. Expect that God will fill you with His fullness as you live daily with an awareness of His presence and an expectation that He will answer your prayer.

