

A City on a Hill - Family Discussion Guide #3

Filling the Home: Strength from the Holy Spirit

Sunday's Bible Passage: Ephesians 3:14-19

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Read Together: Romans 8:9-17

Why this passage? God strengthens families through the Holy Spirit to reflect more clearly his presence, his love and his character. As you read this passage, look for what the Holy Spirit does in the life of every christian.

Questions for Discussion & Reflection:

1. When do you most need God's strength?
2. Have you ever experienced God giving you strength when you knew you couldn't do it on your own? Tell!
3. What's the difference between trying harder and depending on the Holy Spirit?
4. Is there any area of your life where it's difficult to let Jesus be "at home"?
5. How can our home better reflect the fact that Jesus is welcomed here?
6. Why do you think Paul says we need God's help to understand Christ's love?
7. When do you find it hardest to believe that God truly loves you?
8. How does knowing you are deeply loved by Jesus change the way you treat other people?
9. How can our family remind one another of God's love this week?

This Week's Challenge

✓ Pray for each one in your family this week. Use the passage from Ephesians 3 as a guide to help you know what to pray, just as Paul prayed for those in Ephesus. Pray believing that the Holy Spirit working will produce far greater results than any amount of effort we can produce by our own strength.