

Sermon Series: Blueprint: God's Design for the Church

Sermon Passage: Ephesians 3:14-21

Getting Started: What is the church? Is it a building? What has God accomplished for the church? What is the church supposed to do? We will be exploring those questions and more as we journey through Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Ephesians 3:16. Paul is praying that we be "strengthened." Is your spiritual life getting stronger? How do you know?
2. The strength God grants us is "according to the riches of His glory." Do you ever make excuses for your lack of spiritual strength? Name them. (examples: this is how God made me; this is how I was raised; I'm tired; my boss is the problem, etc...). If God grants us strength, do we have room for excuses? Why or why not?
3. Read Ephesians 3:17. Who dwells in our hearts? In the sermon, Bro. Ricky said that to "dwell" means to take up residence in our hearts. Are there spaces in your heart, or areas of your life, that you resist God's residence? Why?

Moving Forward:

Pray for one another this week. Pray that we will all grow strong with His power through His Spirit. Choose someone in your group to hold you accountable to an area in your life that you are not allowing Christ to reside.