

Faith Promise Discussion Questions
5.14.17

Leader Prep Section

Take time before your small group meeting to prepare by reading through the questions and scripture passage so that you can select 4-5 questions that are best suited to your group.

Try to work through at least one question from each of the sections - Hook, Book, Look, Took in order to move from observation to application.

When possible spend time in prayer for each member of your group.

Hook - Ice breaker type questions to help make the transition into the study time.

1. Share a story about a time you saw God answer your prayers.
2. Why is it important to pray for missionaries?

Background

Ephesians is a letter Paul wrote that circulated through many churches in Asia Minor. Paul was in prison while writing this letter and he encouraged the churches not to be discouraged by this fact, but to see in it an opportunity for God's power to show through. The second half of chapter three is a fantastic prayer for the believers in those churches.

Read Ephesians 3:14-21

Questions

Book - These questions are designed to get you into the text itself.

1. What are three things Paul prayed would become reality for those who follow Jesus?
2. In verse 18 Paul prays for the believers to have power in order to grasp what?
3. In verse 20 whose power is at work within us and who should get the glory?

Look - These questions will take you on a deeper look at what the passage means for us today.

1. How would you explain this prayer to a friend who is a new believer?
2. What does it mean in your life when you experience being filled to the measure of all the fullness of God?
3. What do you feel when you read Paul's closing of his prayer in verses 20-21?

Took - These questions are focused on applying the big idea from the text to our lives.

1. How can we use this prayer of Paul's as a guide for how we pray for our missionaries?
2. When we are filled with God what changes about the things we focus on in life?
3. What steps can we each take this week to be sure we are not limiting our prayers by what we can think we can ask or imagine without falling into the trap of focusing on our own comfort or success?

Closing

As you finish your time together make a list of all the missionaries you know. Then pray for each of them that they would be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God so that they too can experience the immeasurable power of God.

Reminder: Whether we are called to mission fields near or far we all play a role in spreading the Good News to the ends of the earth. Lifting those who are called to be full time missionaries up in prayer is essential.