



# WHOAMI

## Empowered by the Spirit

Discussion Guide | September 15, 2019

Ephesians 3:14-21

### Questions for Study and Discussion

\*\* Before you begin, please read Ephesians 3:14-21 as a group.

1. Have you ever been asked to do something you didn't have the power or the resources to do?
2. How does it change things when you're asked to do something that you know you're fully empowered and equipped to do?
3. Paul begins this prayer in 3:14 with the words "for this reason." Briefly scan / review what Paul has written in this letter to the Ephesians so far. What does "for this reason" point back to?
4. In your own words, how would you summarize what Paul is praying for here in Ephesians 3:14-21?
5. From verse 16, what is the source of power that Paul is looking to?
6. Read Ephesians 1:13-14. Followers of Jesus receive the Holy Spirit when they place their trust in Jesus. How does knowing that Christians already have the Spirit give you confidence and anticipation as you read Ephesians 3:16?
7. Who or what are you depending on, as you seek to grow in godliness? What would it look like - practically speaking - for you to rely on power of the Holy Spirit?
8. From Ephesians 3:16-19, what should the empowering work of the Holy Spirit lead to in your life? What stands out to you about this?
9. Read Ephesians 3:20-21 out loud as a group. How can you work toward cultivating a view of God that is big enough to reflect what we learn about God and His power in this passage?
10. What is one area of your life you're asking for God to work in, in big ways?
11. We've titled this series in Ephesians "Who am I?" In Ephesians 3:14-21, we see that followers of Jesus are "Empowered by the Spirit." How should this truth and the things you've learned from Ephesians 3:14-21 influence your life in a practical way this coming week?
12. Ephesians 3:20-21 have been key verses for Brookside these last few years, as we've leaned into the "Immeasurably More for the City" initiative we've been in. Close your group time by praying together that we would look to God and see God do "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine," for His glory. (And thank Him for all the ways He's already been working!)
13. **Challenge: Memorize Ephesians 3:20-21:** 20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.