

Small Group Study Guide- Ephesians 3:14-21
The Gospel Unleashed Part Four

“Prayer is a dangerous business. Results do come.”

-G. Christie Swain

1) Prayer: Adoration to our Heavenly Father. (Eph. 3:14-15)

- How would you explain the paradox of prayer? Define the simplicity and profundity of saying, “our Father”.
- Jesus provides a prayer model. (*Luke 11:1-4*) What is the hardest aspect of this prayer for you personally?
- What does Jonah teach us about ascribing adoration to God in prayer, even amidst failure? (*See Jonah 2:2-9*)

2) Prayer: Appealing to our Heavenly Father. (Eph. 3:16-19)

- What do you think of when you hear of the “indwelling power of the Holy Spirit”? (*Acts 1:8*) How do you see prayer working in the power of the Holy Spirit? (*Rom. 8:26*)
- What does it mean to be rooted and grounded in love? How has this worked in your own life? How does it help our prayer lives?
- Paul speaks of the “fullness of God.” How might we view our interaction with the fullness of God when we are praying? (*See 2 Corinthians 13:14*)

3) Prayer: Ascribing praise to God. (Eph. 3:20-21)

- The question was asked, “How big is your understanding of God?” Take time to discuss this as a group. How do we limit God in our prayer lives? How can we change the way we pray? How might 2 Chron. 7:14 fit into the discussion?
- As the church, how are we all proof of God’s manifold wisdom? (*John 14:13-14*) How does prayer continue to reveal God’s wisdom? (*1 Chronicles 4:10*)

PRAY: As small groups take extended time to pray for each other. Take time to share requests and take them to the Father, in the name of the Son, through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit!