

Community

1.8.12

Ephesians 3:14-19

Sermon Discussion Questions:

- 1) In the sermon, Pastor Jim said that Christ didn't die so that you and I could have a mediocre Christian life. What did he mean by this statement (see also Phil. 3:7-11; John 10:7-10)? What's the difference between a mediocre and great Christian life? If you have to rate your Christian experience on a scale of 1-10, where would you be?
- 2) What verses or life experiences help you to see how much God loves you (see also Rom. 5:6-8; 8:31-39)?
- 3) In Eph. 3:18, how are we to experience the fullness of Christ's love (as well as 1:22-23 and 3:20-21)? How does "togetherness" have an impact on this experience (see also Phil. 2:1-11; Matt. 25:31-46)?
- 4) Pastor Jim said that you can't "know" a love that surpasses knowledge, you have to experience it. How are you seeking this love that surpasses knowledge – through experience, knowledge, or some other means? How can you experience it?
- 5) Why is it sometimes so difficult to receive help from others (like allowing them to bring you meals after having a baby, allowing a friend to hold you accountable, or allowing other people to minister you when you're in need)? Why is allowing others to do this so integral in experiencing God's love?
- 6) Jim's application for those in small groups was to make sure that your small group is focused on living life together and pursuing God -- not making it a social club or a classroom lecture for knowledge transfer. How is your small group doing with this? Are there any ways it could be better?
- 7) How can you better care for each other? Pray for each other? Share stories about what God is doing in your lives? Apply God's word in your daily life? Fight spiritual warfare together?