



EPH 3

GROWTH

GROUP QUESTIONS

What struck, challenged or encouraged you in the teaching from God's word on Sunday?

Paul starts with the phrase "for this reason" what do you think that reason is? (it might help you to note 3:1, as well as the phrases in this passage that have come up before. Eg. "Power" - 1:19, "glorious riches" - 1:7, 18, 2:7).

The immediate goal of Paul's prayer for the church is that "Christ may dwell in [their] hearts through faith" (3:17). And they may "grasp... the love of Christ" (3:18) If Paul is speaking to believers, why does he ask for these things?

Before moving into a section which spends more time applying the gospel to our actions, Paul is keen that the understanding we now have affects our affections (the inner being v16) - it is a prayer that we would have an 'inner sensitivity to gospel realities.'

Paul uses the idea of a tree being "rooted" to speak of the believers' lives. What is Paul hoping the believers will become, if love does for them what soil does for a tree?

We spent some time thinking about how this connectedness of understanding and affections is cultivated... (Power - v21, Prayer - v12, Church - v18 and Self Preaching - v18). Spend some time thinking about each of these, how do they cultivate inner sensitivity to gospel realities?

We finished by thinking about what it would look like to preach "how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ" to ourselves. If you have time why not take each in turn - thinking about them and allowing them to move you to praise God.