

Prayer – It's life beyond our imagination

The journey continues;

- A shared experience – Life with God in control
- Thanksgiving and Praise – eyes looking up, Life with God providing
- Facing up – Sorry is good! Life transforming

1. A prayer for spiritual growth Ephesians 3: 14 - 21

1. 'Out of His glorious riches He may':

- Strengthen you with power through His Spirit
- Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith
- Rooted and established in love
- Power to grasp
- Know His love
- To be made complete – filled to the measure

2. All the fullness of God 3:20- 21

- He who is able to do immeasurably more
- His power at work within us
- Glory in the church and in Christ Jesus for all generations

3. God wants to do more

- Something bigger than simply answer my prayers
- He wants me to become filled to the measure
- Dependent – achievable actions or giving, praying and fasting
- God is weaving his story – The best is always yet to come...

Digging Deeper

Read Matthew 6: 19 – 34

1. What does the 'Therefore' in verse 25 refer back to in verses 19 – 24?
2. In what ways will prayer change us? Why might we find it hard to pray beyond what we can imagine?
3. What worries and concerns do you have for our church during this time of transition in leadership?
4. What is there in verses 25 – 34 that could help us to focus less on the challenges and more on our Heavenly Father?

Read Ephesians 3:14 – 21

1. What is the 'Power' that Paul speaks about in verses 18 and 20? How do we connect with this power?
2. Why might Paul pray that the Ephesian churches be strengthened?
Verse 16

Giving, Praying and Fasting

1. What were the links mentioned as possible connectors between Prayer, Giving and Fasting?
2. Do you have other thoughts about why Jesus places prayer in the middle?
3. Why do you think fasting has become the Cinderella in these three spiritual disciplines Jesus calls his followers to engage in?