

**Study Guide Questions – 4/3/16**  
**The Power Source (Ephesians 3:14-21)**  
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*Please don't feel obligated to answer each of these questions. Answer the questions that seem to be most helpful to your group, time permitting.*

Read Ephesians 3:14-21 and Pray for the Spirit's illumination and guidance as you meditate on his Word together.

1. This passage contains one of the great prayers in all of Scripture. How is this particular prayer similar to your prayers; how is this prayer different from your prayers?
2. Discuss the relationship of the first three chapters of Ephesians with the last three chapters. What is the connection between understanding our position in Christ (our identity) and our practice of the Christian life?(chapters 4–6)
3. If you were teaching this passage of scripture to someone, how would you summarize the essence of this prayer, by the apostle Paul?
4. Why do you think the apostle Paul stresses the need to be empowered through the Holy Spirit in our inner being? How conscious are you praying that for your own self, in your prayer life?
5. Paul speaks of the need of Christ dwelling in our hearts through faith. How do we answer the question, "I thought Christ already is dwelling in my heart as a result of my conversion?"
6. What difference does comprehending, grasping the love of Christ in our hearts make in living the Christian life? Can you speak from your own personal experience when you have sensed his love deeply and when you have not?
7. Why does the apostle stress comprehending the love of Christ, together? Why do we need community in order to do this well?
8. The apostle concludes his prayer with a powerful doxology. Can you speak to an area in your life where you are daring to ask God for something far more abundantly than you could ask or think? What does this prayer look like not only for you individually, but to pray this prayer corporately, as a member of the church?