



CONNECT GROUP NOTES

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“An Unfathomable Love”

Preacher

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Scripture

“I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.” Ephesians 3:16-19

Thought

In Ephesians, Paul reminds us that God’s love is so much bigger than we can imagine. Trying to grasp the heart of God is akin to trying to fit the entire ocean into a bottle. The depths of His love are uncharted, too great for us to understand.

While we can never quite grasp the fullness of God’s love, we see it reflected in lesser human loves here on earth. From the feeling of awe while gazing across an endless ocean, to the love a parent has for their son or daughter, we catch glimpses of God’s love reflected in the depths of our own heart.



And so, as a parent loves their children no less when they're sleeping, God's heart is towards us regardless of our activity or effort.

He loves you just as much when you're at the end of yourself, when you're tired, exhausted, when you feel like you've got way more questions than answers. He loves you when you feel lost, insecure, lonely, like you're not doing enough, like you're not good enough. He loves you when you think that you're not perfect, when life is fractured, when you're living with scars, He loves you just as much.

When the disciples were called by Jesus, they left everything and followed Him. It's a picture of letting go of one's self and engaging in constant fellowship with Jesus. Are we willing to be found? Are we willing to accept that we're lost, and are we willing to let go of one's self to embrace His love, His humility, His goodness?

*"Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made;
were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill, and ev'ryone a scribe by trade;
to write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry;
nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky."
- Frederick M. Lehman (1917), Hymn: "The Love of God is greater far"*

Discussion Points

1. How do you perceive beauty? What things spark awe and wonder in your heart?
2. Is the concept of a loving God an easy concept for you to accept, or is it more challenging? What things have contributed towards this?
3. What do you think it means to let go of one's self and to engage in constant fellowship with Jesus?

Personal application + Prayer

Jesus,



Thank you for your limitless love. Help me to grasp just a glimpse of how wide and long and high and deep Your love is. May I continue to understand that like a perfect Father, You love me just as much even when I'm sleeping. Help me to know what it means to truly let go of myself and to be truly found in fellowship with You. May I know You as a close presence, as the one who never leaves or forsakes, the God of unfathomable love.

Amen