

St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2024! Leading to Worship Sunday, September 15, 2024

Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! EBC also has a video component on the St. John's website and St. John's You Tube channel. This week we join with St. John's as we begin a sermon series on Growing in Generosity. Click here: <https://youtu.be/-oD5ywIDRWM> Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

Three Points

- Ephesians 3 includes an awesome passage titled "Prayer for the Readers." It is a remarkable passage that reaches across time and geography – well past first-century Ephesus, to us today!
- The passage prays for us to have strength "that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted in love." (Ephesians 3:17) The writer asks that we may "have the power. . . to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." (Ephesians 3:18-19)
- The passage emphasizes that God is able to accomplish through us far more than we can ask or imagine for all generations. To God be the Glory!

Two Questions

- Do you notice that this prayer starts in words like "strength" and "power," yet asks for such things as a way to receive and show "love"? In what ways must we be "powerful" or "strong" to receive Jesus? Are there typical notions of earthly power or strength that get in our way when we look for God?
- How does a passage like Ephesians 3 help us grow in generosity? The passage speaks almost entirely of receiving knowledge, understanding, and Jesus' love. What does receiving those things have to do with our giving to others?

Action Step

- Be prepared for God to accomplish things through you that you cannot even ask or imagine. All it takes is being rooted in love!

Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!