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Our Heart and God's Heart

Ephesians 3:14-21

Ice Breaker:

What Thanksgiving memory stands out most in your mind?

I. Your Posture Towards God in Prayer

Ephesians 3:14

As we learn more about prayer, we are moving toward maturity and knowing God's heart in deeper ways.

1. Have a heart of humility.
James 4:10 & Psalm 95:6-7

Discuss:

- ▶ Consider humility on a personal level. Has it been easy for you? Has it been difficult?
- ▶ What changes can you make in practicing it?

2. Have a heart of worship. Praise opens the door for provision.
1 Chronicles 29:20

Discuss:

- ▶ What is your immediate response when you encounter difficulty?
- ▶ How can you best implement praise in your life?

3. Have a heart full of confidence. Confidence comes from God and we can approach Him in it.
Ephesians 3:12

Discuss:

- ▶ When you don't feel confident, what can you do to change that?

- ▶ Pastor Jason made the point that God doesn't owe us anything. How do you react to that truth?

II. God's Posture Towards You in Prayer

Ephesians 3:16

Out of His glorious riches, we can pray! Revel in that.

1. God is eager to give to you from who He is. He owns the cattle on a thousand hills and is inherently generous.
Psalm 50:10

Discuss:

- ▶ What do you experience in your head and heart when you hear that God is a generous God? Describe.
- ▶ No matter how you may have answered the question above, how has God been generous to you?

2. God is ready to strengthen you by His power. Ephesians 3:16 & 2 Corinthians 4:16

Discuss:

- ▶ We are prone to wander. In the famous hymn, *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, a line says, "Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love." What makes you tend to wander from God?
- ▶ Pastor Jason talked about how we are prone to compromise when we are not being strengthened by Jesus. What actions do you take to feel most strengthened by Jesus?

3. God is longing to reassure you of His love.
Ephesians 3:17b & Ephesians 3:18b

Discuss:

- ▶ When do you feel most loved by God? Describe that in a way that paints a word picture.

4. God is ready and able to move on your behalf.
Ephesians 3:20 & Ephesians 3:21

Discuss:

- ▶ In times of need, do you tend to move closer to God or do you distance yourself from Him?
- ▶ Pastor Jason talked about how we often see people isolate themselves when they are feeling shame or far from God. What do you avoid most when you are feeling far from God and His goodness?
- ▶ Do you ever doubt God's goodness? Why do you think that is?

Take Action:

Consider something you need. Take it to God and ask Him who He wants to be for you as you wait for that prayer to be answered. Write down anything He may speak to you regarding who HE is for YOU.