

Discussion Questions

Exceedingly Abundantly More Than All We Ask or Think— Ephesians 3:14-21

(Out of all the things you've prayed for, what do you think would be the most difficult for God to do?)

- What do you most often ask God for that you have not yet received?
- If you got what you are asking him for, in what ways would it be good? In what ways might it be harmful?

Ephesians 3:20 says, "*To him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly more than all we ask (that word is also translated *desire or think*) to him be glory.*" This scripture reveals that God can do exceedingly, abundantly more than all we ask.

- Think about the request above (that you keep asking God about). What might God desire to do in you that is exceedingly, abundantly more than you have asked?

Paul prayed for those who read his letter "*to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge that they may be filled with all the fullness of God*" (Eph. 3:19).

- When have you experienced the love of God most profoundly in your life?
- What were the circumstances that surrounded that experience?

Reflect on what it must have been like for Jesus to be the fullness of God in human flesh.

- In what ways might it have been painful?
- How might it have been invigorating and life giving?
- Since you came to trust in Jesus, how has it been painful? How has it been invigorating and life giving?

Jesus said, "*It is more blessed (makarios—happy—to feel happy) to give than receive.*"

- In what ways have you experienced this to be true?
- In what scenarios do you struggle to believe it is true?
- When you reflect on Christ and all of His life, how does it encourage you to believe that it is truly "more blessed to give than receive?"

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