

SCC Small Group Study – February 19, 2023
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Personal Hope
Ephesians 3:14-19

Getting Started:

Where were you when you really experienced God's personal love for you?

Remember a time when you had a particularly powerful experience while gathered together with the church. What made it so memorable?

Searching the Scriptures:

Ephesians 4:14-15

“For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name.”

A. What are these verses saying about God’s divine power?

Ephesians 4:16

“I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.”

B. What does it mean to have God’s Spirit in your inner being? How have you sensed his power in your life?

Ephesians 3:17-19

“And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-- that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”

C. How is a Christian rooted and established in love?

D. In contrast, what does being rooted and established “in hate” do to a person. What would unhealthy soil do to a plant?

E. Why do you think Paul mentions being “together with all the saints” as part of being rooted and established in love?

F. Why does this love surpass knowledge? (Verse 19)

Application of Scripture:

Think of two or three adjectives which summarize your attitude and experience of church.

Reflect on what has made church difficult and what has made it special.

Do you feel filled up or dry right now? How would you like others to pray for you?