

Discussion Questions: Mother's Day
Oh What Love – Romans 5:5-6 and Ephesians 3:16-19

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Opener: Can you think of a time when you had an intense love for someone? Who was that person and why was this the case?

Hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Romans 5:5-6

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

1. How does the Holy Spirit empower us to experience and share God's love in our daily lives? Can you think of a time when you felt strengthened by the Spirit to love others in a way that was beyond your own ability?

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

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

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

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

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

7. How would you describe to a friend what it means to be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God?

Praying It Through

Thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit, who pours out God’s love into our hearts. Invite him to show you more of that power in your own life each day this week as you look for opportunities to serve him and share about Jesus.

For reflection in the group or on your own:

- A. How has today’s study encouraged you to pray continually for greater spiritual strength? What are some practical ways you can do that on a regular basis?

- B. If you have sensed the love of a parent or someone else in your life, think about the specific benefit, and if you have opportunity, thank them for their example to you.

Next week will be a message by Dr Jeff Chandler covering Acts 2:42-47. There will be discussion questions available at www.sequimcommunitychurch.org/downloads