



Sermon Discussion Questions

"Prayer and Healing"

Ephesians 3:14-21

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Opener:

When did prayer ever change your life that you can recall? If prayer has not changed your life that you are aware, why is that do you think?

Questions:

1. Considering 2:19-22, why does Paul pray as he does? What are his underlying views of God?
2. What is the nature of the spiritual power, love and fullness for which he prays?
3. Three times in 3:14-21 Paul mentions "love" and "power." What do we learn about love and power in these verses?
4. Why was Paul's prayer especially important for the Ephesians and the early Christians? How is this similar or different today?

Application:

5. Discuss the benediction / blessing of verses 20-21: what meaning do you derive from it?
6. Consider for yourself what areas in your life you believe need healing and reconciliation – physically or emotionally or spiritually or all? What such obstacles or barriers have been adversely affecting your life?
7. In silence, take some time to pray together as a group, and raise to God the areas in the above question. Listen if God is guiding you to seek out healing prayer from the trained prayer ministers of UCM at the conclusion of the worship service or by appointment.

Responding in Prayer:

Choose one item from Paul's prayer and make it this week a prayer of your own, for yourself and your church.