



Enriched: Ask God for More (Ephesians 3:1-21)
#5 in the series, The Game of LIFE: Ephesians Edition
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Core Truth:

God wants us to experience all of him through worship and prayer.

The Journey to Unity:

1. The Privilege: as believers, we have free access to God (3:1-13).
2. The Attitude: we approach God humbly and submissively (3:14).
3. The Ask: we want to tap into God's treasure chest (3:16).

Some Good Asks:

1. For inner power (v. 16-17a).
2. For experience of Christ's love (vs. 17b-19a).
3. For the fullness of God (3:19b).

Who Are You?

Deluded David

Ego Ed

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Power - filled Paul

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Getting to Know Each Other

1. In public, when you walk past a mirror or a reflective glass, what do you normally do (try to be truthful, unless it's humiliating)?
2. How will you make the 20th Anniversary Celebration a success?

Getting Started

3. What have you enjoyed so far about the Ephesians study?
4. What do you think is beneficial about Paul's structure, spending three chapters showing the privileges of Christianity and then three pushing the responsibilities (look at the subheadings in your Bible and see the turn at 4:1)?

Digging Deeper

5. Paul is the author of Ephesians and a critical leader for Christianity. Read Ephesians 3:1-13 and list anything you learn about Paul. Look at these verses and add to your list: 1 Corinthians 15:3-8; Galatians 1:11-12, 13-14, 15-16; Philippians 3:4-6; Galatians 1:17-24; Acts 13:1-5. How does knowing about Paul help us learn from him?
6. Now, let's talk about prayer. On a scale of 1 (bored stiff) to 10 (more enjoyable than hot tubs and chocolate), how do you rate your "pleasure-factor" with prayer? Explain.
7. Do the three "Prayer Basics" help you in any way? Explain.
8. Here are some other verses on prayer, explain how these apply to your life (coaching tip: the promises that we receive whatever we ask are all contingent on the request being God's will): Philippians 4:6-7; 1 John 5:14-15; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Romans 8:26; James 4:3; Mark 11:22-25.
9. How would your life be different if you prayed for the "Good Asks" and God delivered?
10. So, who are you (Deluded David, Ego Ed, Halloween Hal, Power-filled Paul)? What can you do to improve your prayer life this week?