

Ephesians 3:8-9 and 16-21

8 Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, 916 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.

20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, **21** to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Icebreaker

How would you define/describe love to a person who just turned 27 but lived in a loveless society until today?

Conversation Starters

- 1. In Ephesians 3, the apostle Paul says he is inadequate and least worthy. What are a couple of ways you feel least worthy in your life right now?
- 2. In Ephesians 3, Paul prays 3 things for others:
 - a. strengthen us with power,
 - b. dwell in our hearts
 - c. receive God's extravagant love.

Which of those do you need most this week? Why?

- 3. Dave emphasized the importance of and his inability to receive God's extravagant love easily.
 - a. What does extravagant love even mean to you?
 - b. How well do you feel loved by God and by others?
- 4. Where are you and what are you doing when you best receive the love of God? If you know the answer what would it look like to get there more often?
- 5. Ephesians 3 says God can do more than we ask or imagine. Where in your life do you need God to work right now?