

# Growth Group Discussion Guide

## Week of May 19, 2019

Our Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-21

### HOW TO FIND LOVE

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Where do you see yourself rooted?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. In verse 17, Paul says Christ dwells in the hearts of the faithful (cf. Ephesians 2:21-22). At the time Paul wrote this, saying God dwells anywhere but in the temple would have been surprising!
  - a. What do you think it means for God to dwell in our hearts? What difference does it make?
  - b. Where in your lives and in our world do you see God dwelling?
2. Talking about being rooted and grounded in love imply growth. How in your life have you experienced spiritual growth?
3. Ephesians 3:20-21 is what is called a *doxology*, a hymn of praise to God.
  - a. Many of Paul's letters include a doxology. See also: Romans 16:25-27, Galatians 1:5, 1 Timothy 1:17, 2 Timothy 4:18. Which of these do you most like? Why?
  - b. If you were to write a doxology today, what would you say in it?

### MEDIA MIX

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w77zPAtVTuI>

Watch the time lapse video that played while Kevin preached. How does watching a plant's roots develop and grow change how you understand the metaphor of being rooted in love?

## **TAKING IT HOME**

1. In the sermon, Kevin discussed how roots are connected by mycorrhizal networks and many microorganisms in the soil so plants are connected in many small and invisible ways.
  - a. Who is someone you're connected to in small and invisible ways, someone who you struggle to see how you're connected with?
  - b. Who is someone whose connection with you feels damaged lately?
  - c. What could you do to help you heal this relationship or make you notice it?

## **PRAYER REQUESTS and PRAYER TIME**

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Based upon your discussion in "Taking it Home," pray for relationships with people who you struggle to see how you're connected to them or whose connections feel damaged.

## **Housekeeping**

1. Who is bringing treats next week?
2. When is your group service project scheduled? (check God's Work Our Hands Options this month)