

Gamma 11

Study 10

Ephesians 3:14-23

Section A (Exegetical Questions)

- 1. What is Paul praying for the Father to do in this passage? Please point out where in the passage it says so?**
- 2. What does Paul mean by ...” Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith” Doesn't Rom 8:9 says that the Spirit of God already dwells in us? How can this be achieved ?**
- 3. There are two pre-requisites for experiencing the depths of Christ's love. What are they ? How does this encourage us? The first is already established by God but how can we as a group help each other in the second pre-requisite?**
- 4. What does Paul mean in Eph 3:18 how can we grasp what Paul already acknowledges is the something that surpasses knowledge?**
- 5. The final aim of the prayer is for us to be filled with the fullness of God what does this mean?**

Section B

Reflection Questions

- 1. Have you ever prayed like how prayed in this prayer? How do you think this kind of prayer will make a difference in your life?**

2. **Some of us will not like to experience a greater presence of God in our lives, why is this so? How do we overcome this? Would you like to experience God in such a manner in your life? How would it make a difference in your life? In the life of the ones who are around you, family and workmates?**
3. **What are the concrete steps you could resolve today to move towards this direction in your life. Discuss it with your group and how can we help each other?**

Section C

Case history

Derick Compton was feeling restless in his church. He was learning a lot from the preaching and classes but somehow he never really felt excited about Jesus. The Bible studies were intellectually stimulating and he even considered signing up for part time bible college classes at one stage. However he spent little time in worship nor had much inclination to share the gospel which he regarded as a tiresome duty rather than a joy.

Alison Choy his friend suggested he try her church and they had a vibrant worship and he was uplifted in his spirits and they even taught him how to speak in tongues. After a few months he was back where he started. There wasn't much in depth study of the Word and it was just lots and lots of worship and prophecy time and he was beginning to doubt the prophecies as a lot of them were general and the ones which were specific did not come true. He did join a life group but they seldom shared in very much depth nor broached the topic of personal spiritual growth as it was just about learning more spiritual gifts and making sure they hit the evangelism targets. He then joined a Yoga class and it seems to have given him some spiritual reality and he is really in to it.

What was Derick suffering from? What are the problems of both churches?

How is yoga going to help or hurt him?

What do you think Derick should do to experience God more in his life?