



# Life Guide/Closer Look

applying God's Word to life

## Get to Know the Perfect Groom January 18-20, 2019

*Ephesians 3:14-21* <sup>14</sup> For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup> 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, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

1. Ice breaker! Which movie/TV/book characters from your era seem like the perfect guy? What made them so good?
2. In what ways is Jesus the perfect guy?
3. There's a lot in v. 14-19. Read them slowly. A) Circle a phrase that you find interesting. B) Take turns putting the phrase in your own words. C) Share why you circled it.
4. Based on these words, what does Paul want God to do as a result of his prayer?

5. God is omni-present—he is everywhere at once. Paul prays that he would “ *dwell in your hearts through faith.* ” What are some ways that God-in-your-heart is more comforting than God-everywhere? (Hint: Psalm 46:5; Matthew 10:19-20; Romans 8:9-11, 26; John 15:4-5; John 15:7.)
6. Agree or disagree: The first half of v. 19 makes no sense.
7. In v. 19 Paul prays “*that you may be filled.* ” What are filled people like? What are empty people like?
8. These verses use many phrases related to measuring things. How many phrases can you find which are about measuring things? Put them all together. What do they communicate?
9. Agree or disagree: Paul is praying many things Jesus prayed in the Lord’s Prayer.
10. A/D: Paul is praying many things I often pray.
11. A/D Asking God for spiritual blessings is a bigger request than asking God for earthly blessings?
12. After thinking about these verses for a while, how does Jesus seem like the perfect guy?