



Sermon Discussion Guide

January 26, 2025

Ephesians 3:14-21

1. Read Ephesians 3:14-21

2. Common Misconceptions:

- Discuss the quotes from Freddie Mercury and Friedrich Nietzsche concerning the afterlife.
- Why do you think many people today feel that religion is irrelevant or unfulfilling? Share any personal experiences or observations.

3. God's Perspective vs. World's Perspective:

- Reflect on the sermon's point that real fulfillment comes not from worldly success but from beginning to comprehend "how wide and long and high and deep his love is" Ephesians 3:18.
- Discuss the quotes from celebrities like Jim Carrey, Lady Gaga, and Tom Brady and their realizations about worldly success. Why do these successful individuals feel unfulfilled? What does this tell us about true contentment?

4. Experiencing Fullness through Challenges:

- Share personal or biblical stories where challenges resulted in spiritual growth and a deeper understanding of God's love and power.

5. Living a Full Life Now:

- Reflect on the statement that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work within us.
- Discuss how this power gives you a full life.

Closing prayer:

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

Amen.