



Sermon  
Discussion  
Guide

Sunday, September 10, 2023

# LOVE IN ACTION

## Experiencing God's Love

### Read/Reflect

1. Read Ephesians 3:14-21. Then read it again, as if you are praying the prayer with Paul for New Life Church.
2. *"<sup>14</sup> For this reason I kneel before the Father ..."* Why does Paul pray this particular prayer of 3:14-21? Take note of the same phrase in 1:15 and 3:1 (where Paul seems to interrupt himself to add something further).

### Explore

3. Paul prays for the Spirit to make room for Christ to dwell in our hearts (vs.16, 17). What in your daily experience gets in the way of the Spirit's work in your life to experience God's love?
4. Paul refers to the expansive dimensions of the love of Christ. How does that help you to think of God's love for you and for the world? What analogy would you use?
5. What does it mean for you "to know this love [of Christ] that surpasses knowledge?" Can you describe how that happens in your life?
6. What are some new practices to which God might be calling you in order to experience the fullness of God and his love?

### Pray

- Our glory is to experience the lavishness of God's love. Pray prayers of thanks and praise using Paul's doxology (vss.20-21) to return the glory back on God.

*"If by your grace, God of glory, you would make us shine,  
help us to be the last to know."*



### WHAT WE DO

Touching Lives  
with the Transforming  
Love of Jesus

### HOW WE DO IT

Experiencing God's  
Love  
Sharing it with  
Everyone  
Moving into Action  
Meeting People Where  
They Are