

God's Power (2)

Ephesians 3.20-21

Key Points

These verses from Ephesians 3 remind us that we worship a God who is always able to do infinitely more than we can think or imagine. We are always called to raise our expectations, and not let our expectations be defined by our experience. We can (and should!) be inspired by other Christians' accounts of things that God has done, and by testimonies in our own church - and yet neither of these represent the fullness of what God can do.

Being someone that God can work through in powerful ways is partly about willingness to listen and respond, putting aside our own preconceptions of what God should be doing, and seeking to go with what he is doing. How do we keep the connection with God that helps us to hear his voice and enables him to work in power through us? Jane talked about the growth in love and trust that comes first and foremost from adoring God, from seeking to sit at Jesus' feet and letting our worship (and our desire to serve) overflow from a deepening adoration and knowledge of who he is.

Questions

- 1) What is your response to the declaration in this verse that God can do infinitely more than all we ask or think?
- 2) When has God exceeded your expectations?
- 3) What are the things you would love God to use you for? What gifts and talents (yours, or others'!) might God want to use in new ways for his glory? What are you passionate about?
- 4) What are the things that get in the way of God being able to work through us?
- 5) Keeping a close connection with God starts with worship: what practical things can we do to put worship of God at the centre of our lives?
- 6) What does it look like in practice when we seek to give the glory to God? How does it change our perception of success and failure?
- 7) Take some time to reflect on the places in our lives (skills, talents, particular contexts) where we sense there is potential to be used by God in a new or increased way. Share with the group, if appropriate.