

Opening Question:

Talk about roots, anchors and foundations - have you seen examples of things that are correctly rooted, anchored, or secured? Have you seen examples of things that were not properly rooted, anchored or secured? Share these stories with your group.

Opening Prayer:

Begin your time by praying that God would help each one of you to understand His love for you

Getting into God's Word

Did you have any comments or questions from this Sunday's message? Take the time to look through your sermon notes and talk about any questions you had.

Read Ephesians 3:14-21

1. What stands out to you in this passage? What does this passage say about the love of God? What difference does it make in the life of the believer?
2. Paul is writing this letter from jail in Rome - he is writing to a church that is facing active persecution from the idol makers of the region - based on this information, what

would you expect Paul to pray for? How is this different than what he did pray for? Based on this, how should we pray for one another?

3. Pastor Nathan talked about how we can't simply think our way into understanding God's love, we need to have it revealed to us. He then talked about four postures which help us be ready to receive God's love:

- A posture that is ready to see God as He is (dealing with lies and disappointments).
- A posture that desires more of God.
- A posture that trusts in difficulty.
- A posture of worship

Spend some time talking about these postures. Have you experienced the love of God in one of these postures?

Read Romans 8:31-39

4. What stands out to you in this passage about the posture of worship? How might you be drawn into worship as you read this passage?
5. Think about the posture of trust in difficulty. Are you going through any difficulty in your life right now? How does this passage speak into your situation?

6. Think about the posture of desiring more - what encouragement do you see in this passage to pursue more of God?
7. Think about the posture of being ready to see God as He really is - How does this passage present God? How might that be different from the way people commonly view God? How might this change your own view of God?

Do you feel God inviting you into any of these postures? If you do not, spend some time asking God to show you if He would like you to step into one of these postures in the coming week.

Prayer

As a group, spend some time praying for one another - pray that God would reveal His love to each one of us - pray that we would root ourselves into His love and that as a church family we would be able to see that we are the beloved.

Sermon Notes

Group Listing

Wednesdays:

Leaders: Nathan and Jenn Pollock

Location: The Pollock's House in Camrose

Time: 7:00pm

Thursdays:

Leaders: Mark and Carla Werner, Jessica and Andreas Schwitter

Location: CentrePoint Church

Time: 6:30pm

Fridays:

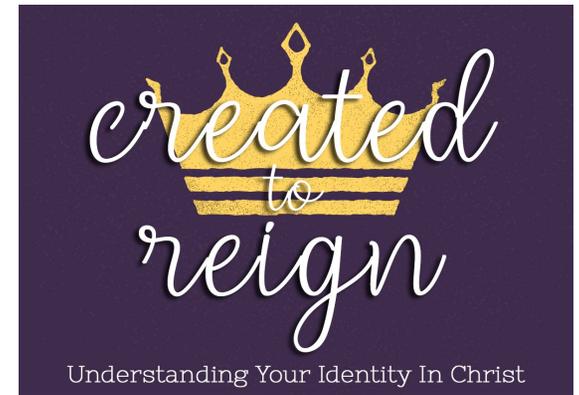
Leaders: John and Ineke Tessari, Gary and Sandy Mize

Location: The Mize's Home in Camrose

Time: 7:00pm

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Personal Reflection and Practice:

Dealing with Disappointment and Bitterness towards God

In order to see God as He is we need to acknowledge that there are things that we believe about God that are not true and that sometimes we have bitterness in our hearts towards God. To move forward:

- Get alone with God, your Bible and a notebook.
- Spend some time in worship and in prayer to focus our hearts on Him.
- Invite the Holy Spirit to show you a lie you believe about God or bitterness you have towards Him.
- Confess that to God.
- Invite Him to give you a truth about Himself to replace that lie (listen for Scripture passages).
- Move forward in that truth

If you would like help processing this, please talk to Pastor Nathan