

O God, my heart's desire is...

Ephesians 3:14-21

1. O God, I desire a heart of 3:14-17

...so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. v17

The difference between who I am, and who I want to be, is what I

2. O God, I desire a heart of 3:17-19

...established in love ...the love of Christ ...love that surpasses knowledge

Love is not lust, liking, infatuation, romance or sex.

Love is...

You can't love

3. O God, I desire a heart of 3:20-21

. immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine

. according to His power that is at work within us

. to Him be glory

This is the fulfilment of my joy. He must increase, I must decrease. Jn.3:30

. in the church

. in Christ Jesus

. throughout all generations

The Lord your God, he is God, the faithful God, who keeps covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations. Deuteronomy 7:9

. forever and every

This week I need to be praying for:

Discussion starters with no wrong answers:

1. How often have you prayed for a parking spot? Why are small personal prayers important? Why do you suppose that prayers for parking cars, chariots, or camels are never mentioned in the Bible? The billboard ended with the words, "You people need to start thinking bigger." How can we start think bigger?
2. Read Ephesians 3:16 and the beginning of 17. What does God provide (v16), and why (v17a)? What is meant by each of the 3 clauses in v16? Why do you think it is important for Christ to dwell in our hearts by faith?
3. Read Ephesians 3:18. Why do you think we need "all God's people" to understand just how big Christ's love is? Read verse 19. How is it possible to know something that is unknowable? How is it possible to be filled with something bigger than me?
4. "You can't measure love." So how can you know if love is any good? How does God show His love to me, past, present and future? What are some ways in which I show my love for God? What is a realistic way of increasing my love for God, and others?
5. Read Ephesians 3:20-21. Why do you think God chose to have His power and glory come from within us (rather than from Heaven)? List some ways by which we can give more honour and glory to Him.