

# CrossWalk **notes**

## Imagine

### Imagine Being Part of Something Bigger.

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<sup>7</sup>I became a servant of this gospel by the **gift of God's grace** given me through the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. <sup>10</sup>His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, <sup>11</sup>according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>12</sup>**In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.** <sup>13</sup>I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.  
Ephesians 3:7-13, NIV

As I \_\_\_\_\_ grace and then \_\_\_\_\_ it, Jesus is calling me to something bigger than just my life: changing the course of history and \_\_\_\_\_ for others.

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Ephesians 3:14-17a, NIV

**Prayer #1 – God give me a stronger \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Spirit produced \_\_\_\_\_ in my inner being.

- Jesus living in my \_\_\_\_\_ through faith.

*And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup>may have power, **together with all the Lord's holy people**, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup>and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:17b-19, NIV*

**Prayer #2: God help \_\_\_\_\_ see the bigger picture.**

- Help me \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' love for me.
- \_\_\_\_\_ with God's fullness.

*<sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

Ephesians 3:20-21, NIV

**When God answers our prayer:**

- He will \_\_\_\_\_ expectation and imagination.
- Jesus will be given all \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- We will be part of something \_\_\_\_\_.

## MEMORY VERSE

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**My next step:** I will be part of something bigger. Filled with Christ's love I will fill out a commitment card and bring it forward today after the message.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.

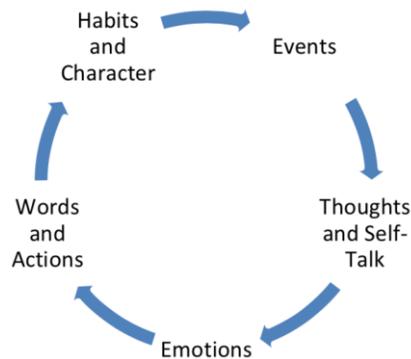
# Impact Group Questions

## Imagine Being Part of Something Bigger

**Getting Started** – Make a top 5 list of the most significant historical events in your lifetime. Which do you think is most significant and why? (Use your phone to google events)

### Going Back to Sunday

Each week we will begin with the same question, “**What about the message from Sunday had the most meaning or made the biggest impact on you?**” Take time to answer this question as you listen to each message. Bring your message notes to class each week to help you remember.



### Refresh Your Memory:

**Read Ephesians 3:7,10-12**

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In what ways have you been a recipient of God’s grace? (don’t forget vs.12)

The purpose of the church is to share the manifold (multi-faceted) wisdom of God. How do you play a role in this purpose?

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Explain the process of grasping and knowing the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. What role does living *in* faith and *with* other Christians play in this process?

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What do you think will make our Imagine Building Initiative a success?

### Doing Life Together:

Why is doing the work of the church and living a life of faith need to be a “team” sport?

### Prayer:

In the prayer section we encourage you to take about 10 minutes to pray as a group. Include the issues of prayer and praise.

### Friendship:

*Spend the final 10 to 15 minutes of group catching up with other group members. Take time to get to know those you don’t know quite as well. Make sure to include everyone in the group.*

### Reminders:

#### Imagine Calendar:

**October 24** - Big Give Sunday – individuals are asked to consider offering 10% of their total gift.

**November 20** – Imagine Celebration Event/Fall Picnic – watch for registration for this coming event.

Also, visit [cwlk.church/imagine](http://cwlk.church/imagine) for more information on the Imagine project.