

**Read Ephesians 3:16-21 from your notes.**

<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. 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. <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 3:16-21, NIV**

Do any of the following block you from fully imagining all the freedom and possibilities you have in Christ? Talk about what the gospel-antidote for these blocks are:

1. I battle with feeling I'm from the wrong background (v. 15)
2. I presently struggle with feeling drawn more to material blessings than to spiritual blessings (v. 16)
3. It's hard for me to feel secure or securely loved (v. 17-19)
4. It's hard for me to be satisfied with where my life is at right now (v. 19b)

**My Next Step**

Talk with your group about how you would pray this coming week if you were to ask God for greater strength for your inner being and deeper roots for your faith. Think, what if there were no limits? Use your imagination and dream big!

**Doing Life Together**

Start a weekly prayer email/text message that's sent out to the group and allows you to pray boldly for one another.

**Prayer**

Pray together as a group for about 10 minutes.

**Reminders**

- We move back to worship at Cesar Chavez H.S. this week!
- CE-3 Class is this Saturday at ALA - 8:30 a.m.

**Bounce Back****Imagine Freedom in Christ**

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**How can I be \_\_\_\_\_ when life is not \_\_\_\_\_?**

<sup>1</sup> For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles... <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 3:1, 12-13, NIV**

<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. **Ephesians 3:14-15, NIV**

**Use your \_\_\_\_\_! Paul used his “eyes of faith” to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of what God could do in his life despite things not being OK.**

<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 3:16-17a, NIV**

**We experience freedom and possibility as \_\_\_\_\_ in our \_\_\_\_\_.**

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We experience freedom and possibility as being \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ in the incomprehensible love of Christ.

—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. **Ephesians 3:19b, NIV**

We experience freedom and possibility as being \_\_\_\_\_  
with the love of God, and \_\_\_\_\_-filled with God's \_\_\_\_\_.

<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**

All this freedom and possibility is because of only one person—\_\_\_\_\_. He is able to do more than all we can \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>8</sup> And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. **2 Corinthians 9:8, NIV**

For this reason, use your \_\_\_\_\_, because God's power is at work \_\_\_\_\_ you. Christ-follower, for you the possibilities are \_\_\_\_\_—even when things are not OK!

## MEMORY VERSE

<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... **Ephesians 3:20, NIV**

**My next step:** I will use my imagination to “pray the possibilities” of all that God might do in and through me, so that I can fully experience the love and freedom of Christ.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your communication card.

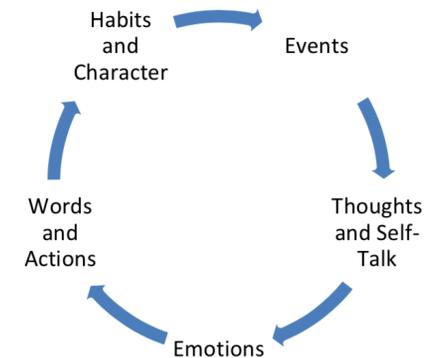
# Impact Groups

## Bounce Back: Imagine Freedom in Christ

**Getting Started:** What's your favorite January activity or vacation destination? Why?

### Going back to Sunday

What truth from Sunday's message was most impactful for you? How has the truth made a difference in your thinking, your emotions, or your words and actions this week?



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1. What are you “kneeling before the Father” for right now?
2. How do you feel about approaching God? Are you praying with “freedom and confidence”?
3. Are you praying alone for this, or is this something your fellow group members could be praying about with you?