THE GOOD LIFE | MIDDLE SCHOOL | PART 2

BIG IDEA

God's love is huge—and we can help each other see it.

MESSAGE OVERVIEW

A man named Paul wrote a letter to Christians living in a busy city called Ephesus. They heard lots of different ideas about what makes life good. Paul reminded them that following Jesus changes how we see ourselves, love others, treat people, and make choices. This month we will discover what that means for us at school, at home, and with friends.

BIBLE PASSAGES

> *For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. — Ephesians 3:14–17*
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> *And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 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, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. — Ephesians 3:17–19*
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> *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, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. — Ephesians 3:20–21*

QUESTION TO THINK ABOUT

What is something that is more fun or easier to do with other people?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever tried to solve a problem all by yourself? What happened?
2. Paul says we should be "rooted in love." How is God's love like strong roots that help a tree stand tall?
3. Has a friend, family member, or leader ever helped you understand God's love? What did they do?
4. Who makes you feel cared for, encouraged, or included?
5. When is it hard to ask for help? Who is a trusted person you could talk to?
6. How could you show God's love to someone this week?

GROUP CHALLENGE

Choose one person to pray for every day this week. Share who you picked if you feel comfortable. Check in on your reading of Ephesians.

PRAY TOGETHER

God, thank You for loving us more than we can imagine. Help us accept help when we need it and show love to the people around us. In Jesus' name, amen.