



Read Ephesians 3:12-21

1. Focusing on Ephesians 3:16-17, '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', are there any words/phrases that particularly stand out for you?
2. Taking Ephesians 3:16-17 and/or the prayer in its entirety, how different is this to the prayers that we usually pray? What are the key areas of difference?
3. How does prayer help with changing our perspective? I gave the example of Paul in 2 Corinthians 12, 7-10, have you any examples where prayer has significantly changed your way of looking at a situation? I suggested that Paul seems to approach prayer with a perspective of 'your will be done, your kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven', how does this compare to our approach?
4. Do we view prayer as giving us access to God's power? Consider what Paul says in Ephesians 1:18-20 about the power we have access to. What gets in the way of us thinking we have access to God's power? How could us grasping this a little more help us to stop trying to live life in our own strength (with a plastic set of flimsy golf clubs) and start to live life more in God's strength (with a set of proper golf clubs that is fit for purpose)?
5. How do we react to this idea of Christ taking up permanent dwelling in our hearts? To what extent does this help us access the peace that Paul talks about in Philippians 4:6-7?