

Getting Started

1. If you were to give a summary of last week's message, what two points would you feel must be included no matter what?

2. When it comes to finding power in the Christian life, what excuses do people typically give for not living up to pleasing the Lord? In other words, what excuses do people give for gossip, lust, worry, anger, etc?

3. According to the passage, what is the real reason why Christians are 'powerless'?

Into the Bible

4. The Bible talks a lot about "walking in the Spirit" or being "filled with the Spirit." Read the following passages with the understanding that walking in the Spirit means the Spirit is strengthening us to "comprehend" the love of God. How does the Spirit strengthening us to comprehend God's love correlate with the following passages on walking in the Spirit?

a. Galatians 5:16-24

b. Ephesians 5:18-21

Connecting the Dots

5. Think through the 'dimensions' of God's love: breadth, length, height, depth. What do you think each of these mean, and how do they help us to give God more of our hearts in faith?

6. Comprehending the love of God means that I allow God to have more and more access to all of my life. Read this article: http://www.northshorefamily.org/Websites/newproject/images/My_Heart_Christ's_Home.pdf . (Note: you may have to copy and paste the web address into your browser) Jot down any insights or key points that come to mind.

7. Practical exercise: As a group, pray for one another. Each one who feels comfortable, pray a 2-3 sentence prayer for someone else in the group – focusing on praying (in your own words) that they would be strengthened by the Spirit to comprehend God's love for them.