God Is Able

Text: Ephesians 3:20-21

When you think of God displaying His power, what comes to mind? Big, splashy miracles...a spiritual "Fireworks Display"? When God talks about displaying His power it's usually in the context of the extraordinary impact of individual changed lives. When we allow God to work in us we see that He is "able to do immeasurable more than all we ask or imagine according to His power that is at work in us."

Discussion Questions: The following are based on the "My Application" Questions found in the bulletin this week. Leader urge your group members to attend worship—or watch the sermon online—and to spend time considering and answering those questions <u>before</u> coming to the group. This will produce a richer discussion time.

- Describe the last time God surprised you by doing something powerful through you.
- Read Acts 9:1-18; Philippians 3:4-14; and Ephesians 3:7-13. What stands out to you about Paul's (called Saul before his name was changed) journey?
- What has God given you to use for His kingdom? (Think of abilities, personalitiy, experiences, material resources.)
- What causes you hesitate to make yourself completely available to Him to use for His purposes?
- Describe a time when you were working with other believers, and you saw God do amazing things.
- Reread Ephesians 3:21. What excites you most about the way Hill Country Bible Church is bringing glory to God? How might you join in that adventure?

Prayer Time:

God has unimaginable power at play. When we allow Him to, He works His power in us to work His plan through us. Too often we miss out on what He could do through us because our skepticism or our busyness stand in the way. Pray for each other:

- That God would show you how you are holding back, not allowing His power to work within you.
- That He would show you one way you can surrender to His purpose for your life this week.
- That you would follow through on His prompting.

Memory Verse:

"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."

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Application:

Some members of your group may be hesitating to let God work in their lives in the area of their finances. Others may have been hestating to get involved in passing on what God has taught them to others in their circle of influence.

Participating in FPU is a great opportunity to take a first step in both of those areas.