

# Water of Life Community Church

## LESSONS WE LEARNED FROM THE LOCKDOWN

WEEK 2

EPHESIANS 3:14-21; JOHN 16:33; ISAIAH 41:10

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

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### ICE BREAKER

### PRAYER

### WORSHIP

### INTRODUCTION

In this week's study, we want to take a deeper look at the presence of God as a fundamental promise and benefit of the gospel. We'll look at what it means to encounter the Holy Spirit and not only know He is in us, but sense His presence as He makes our hearts come alive to the gospel. Even in the worst of times, God is present with His people and empowering them in the Person of the Holy Spirit.

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ JOHN 16:33; ISAIAH 41:10.

- a. How can we have peace and good cheer even though we have trouble in the world?
- b. What does it mean that Jesus has overcome the world? What does that mean for us as His followers?
- c. Does the fact that Jesus has overcome the world mean that He will always fix your problems? Why or why not?
- d. What promises can we hold onto when we face trouble in the world?

2. READ EPHESIANS 3:14-21.

- a. What are the main words or concepts from Paul's prayer that stand out to you?
- b. If Paul is praying for Christians who, by definition, already have the Holy Spirit dwelling in them, why do you think He prays in verses 16-17 for Christ and the Spirit to dwell in their hearts?
- c. Can you recall a recent time when you felt a need for greater spiritual strength? Why is it important for us to experience the reality of God dwelling in us in every type of circumstance?

d. Would you say your Christian life is characterized more as a quest for gaining further knowledge about God or as a quest for deepening your experience of the knowledge you already have? Why is it important that we not choose one of these options at the expense of the other?

e. According to Paul, what will result when the Spirit strengthens our inner being and Christ takes up permanent residence in our lives?

f. What does verse 20 imply about what we can expect when we pray to God?

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## PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

In this week's message, we learned the following ways we should respond to the pandemic:

1. Worship, read the Word, and don't lose hope because Jesus is the God of the future. 2. Care for others because it's not all about me. 3. See life empowered by hope. 4. Choose hope over confusion, humility over arrogance, compassion over self-interest, and faith over fear. Which of these stands out to you the most personally today? Why?

In what ways do fellow believers help us know and experience God's love in difficult times? Why should believers seek greater knowledge of God's love together ("with all the saints") and not just on our own?

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## GOING DEEPER/WEEKLY CHALLENGE

### REFLECT

- How has the last year and a half shaped your spiritual life?

### RESPOND

- Pray this week and ask the Lord how you can take a step forward in your walk with Jesus.

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## MEMORY VERSE

John 16:33, New Living Translation (NLT)

I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.

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## NOTES