Week of September 26th 2021 - Discussion Questions for Ohana Groups We are Ohana | Praying the Power of Christ's Love

Overview

We are Ohana! Paul prays a powerful prayer of power, love, and spiritual maturity in Christ over the Ephesian church. That same prayer resounds today, as God continues to build up his church in love and as the Holy Spirit fills the church with the glory and power of God, in Christ Jesus throughout all generations.

OHANA TIME!

Icebreaker: What is your family history/lineage?

Ohana Time! Share a family "artifact" or something that carries meaning in your family. Why does it carry significant meaning to you?

BIBLE: Read Ephesians 3:14-21

- 1. What kind of attitude/posture does Paul demonstrate when kneeling in prayer?
- 2. Based on verse 15, what does it mean that God is our Father and head over every family on heaven and on earth?
- 3. Power in Christ is a major theme in the book of Ephesians. Where does the word "power" appear in the passage? In what ways does God empower us in Christ through faith?
- 4. Whether you have been a Christian for one year or a Christian for fifty years, the love of Christ always surprises, astonishes, and leads us to worship and adoration. According to verse 18, what role does the community of faith play in knowing the love of Christ? How has your brothers and sisters in Christ helped you deepen your understanding of the love of Christ?
- 5. Reflect on the past couple years. How have you seen God's blessing upon your life beyond what you have asked or imagined?

APPLICATION

- Paul prays that God would fill the church to the full measure of himself his presence, moral excellence, power, and love. How would you like to see Kalihi Union Church grow in maturity and depth? Where would you like to see the church grow in its manifestation of God's glory and love? Write a prayer for the church together as an Ohana Group (please send in your prayers to <u>john.barrow@kalihiunion.org</u> to be shared with our church family).
- 2. Paul concludes his prayer with a blessing of God's glory and power upon all generations. Pray for the next generation of leaders. Pray that the church may continue to be built up in love and filled with the fullness of God. Ask God to reveal somebody in your life that you can encourage and build up. Share about this individual in your group and pray for them.

PRAYER

- 1. <u>Pray in groups of 2-3</u>: Pray that you would continue to learn just how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.
- 2. <u>Pray in a large group</u>: Pray for the manifestation of God's glory in the church God's presence, power and love.

Got questions or need help? Give our pastors a call at (808)-841-7022