

# THE GLORY OF GOD

## Dream Big! – Part 5

Ephesians 3:14-21

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*For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.... Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we can 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. – Ephesians 3:14-15, 20-21 NIV*

### 1. The greatest dream and goal of the church is the glory of God.

*...according to his power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus.... – Eph. 3:21a NIV*

*The priests then brought the ark of the LORD's covenant to its place in the inner sanctuary of the temple, the Most Holy Place.... When the priests withdrew from the Holy Place, the cloud filled the temple of the LORD. And the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled his temple. – 1 Kings 8:6, 10-11 NIV*

- The focus of every worship service at Freedom Church must be to glorify God and advance His reputation.

*Yes, LORD, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you; your name and your renown are the desire of our hearts. – Isaiah 26:8 NIV*

### 2. God gets much glory when His children and His Church reproduce.

- God's assignment for, and the future legacy of, Freedom Church can be summed up in one word: Reproduction.

*Grandchildren are the crowning glory of the aged. – Prov. 17:6*

*...to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! – Eph. 3:21 NIV*

- Churches, like people, have life-cycles.

*Take the things you heard me say in front of many other witnesses and pass them on to faithful people who are truly capable of teaching others. – 2 Timothy 2:2 CEB*

### 3. God invites and challenges us to dream big!

**God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! – Ephesians 3:20 MSG**

- **I believe that God has called Freedom Church to plant at least (5 churches) over the next 10 years.**
- **I believe that Freedom Church is called to plant churches both in our region and internationally.**
- **I believe that we should make preparations to plant our first church within the next 2 years.**
- **I believe that each of our small groups will be reproduced at least every two years.**

**A God-sized Prayer for Freedom Church:**

***LORD, I have heard the news about you. I am amazed, LORD, at the powerful things you did in the past. Now I pray that you will do great things in our time. Please make these things happen in our own days. – Habakkuk 3:2 ERV***