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LIFEgroup Discussion Questions
Ephesians: The Church's Identity and Mission
April 6, 2014

Read: Ephesians 3.1-13

1. What is the theme of Ephesians? It is important for us to keep this in front of us as we are studying this letter. So, think about the theme and the main point of the text in Ephesians 3.1-13. Why is it important for us to know what Paul says today in relation to the overall theme of the letter?
2. When Paul says he is a *prisoner of Jesus Christ* what does this mean?
3. What is the mystery of Christ and to whom is it revealed? What does Paul say about this in 3.5 and what are the contrasting points he makes about it?
4. What does it mean that the Gentiles and Jews are fellow heirs, fellow members of the body and fellow partakes of the promise in Christ through the gospel?
5. Why might Paul say that he is the very least of all the saints? What can we learn from this?
6. What two specific tasks were given to Paul in his ministry?
7. What is God's intention now for the church (3.10)? Who are the rulers and authorities? How does the church testify of the manifold wisdom of God? What are some things that can keep us from living out the mission of God? How can internal division? How can external segregation?
8. What is God's eternal purpose?
9. How does Paul describe the type of access we have to God? How should this effect our prayer life?
10. How could Paul's experience of imprisonment be for the Ephesians' glory?

Pray.