

LIFE GROUP 6 (FALL 25)

Mission: To foster Christ-centered engagement in the life of our congregation.

Scripture: Ephesians 3:1-13

Open It

Build Community 1	Are the type of person who tries to fix problems yourself or do you hire someone?	5-10 Min.
Build Community 2	Are you a type A personality or something different? How would you describe your personality?	5-10 Min
Adoration	Do you agree with this statement? Our church should be holy but we should never be exclusive.	5 Min
Nurture 1	<p>Read Ephesians 3:1-13</p> <p>For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles – ² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.</p> <p>⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom</p>	10-15 Min.

we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. ¹³ So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

Context

Paul has just explained how Jews and Gentiles are united in Christ (Ephesians 2:11–22). Now, in chapter 3, he pauses to describe his unique calling: to reveal the mystery that Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promises in Christ. He encourages believers not to lose heart over his sufferings, because they serve God’s plan.

TIME TO DISCUSS:

Observation Questions

1. How does Paul describe himself in verse 1? What is the “mystery” Paul reveals in verses 4–6?
2. According to verses 7–9, how did Paul become a minister of the gospel?
3. What purpose does Paul give for the church in verses 10–12?
4. How does Paul connect his suffering to the believers in verse 13?

Interpretation Questions (What does it mean?)

5. Why was the mystery of the gospel so radical in Paul’s time?
6. What does it mean that the church demonstrates God’s wisdom to the “rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms” (v. 10)?
7. Why might Paul’s imprisonment actually strengthen, not weaken, the faith of the church?

Application Questions (How does it apply?)

8. In what ways do you experience boldness and confidence in your faith (v. 12)?
9. What barriers (like those between Jew and Gentile) still exist in the church today, and how can we break them down?
10. How might you live out your calling to make known the “unsearchable riches of Christ” in your relationships?
11. How can Paul’s perspective on suffering encourage you in your own challenges for the sake of faith?

Nurture 2

What can we pray for in your life?

5-10 Min

Additional information

Schedule a time and place to meet again.