



IT'S A MYSTERY
Ephesians 3:1-13

GETTING STARTED

Why do you think “mysteries” are so appealing?

- 1 What is the “mystery” referred to in verse 3?

- 2 According to verse 3, how did Paul come to have this knowledge & understanding of this “mystery”?

- 3 What 3 aspects of this mystery are identified in verse 6?
 - Why would this have been difficult for some Jewish Christians to accept?

- 4 When Paul asserts in verse 7 that he “was made a minister”, what does he mean—who made him such a minister?

- 5 Verse 8 refers to God’s Word as “the unsearchable riches of Christ”. What does that tell you about the Apostle Paul’s attitude about Scripture?

- 6 According to verse 10, what role does the church play in spreading the Gospel message?

- 7 The Apostle Paul closes this section with a highly personal note, asking the Ephesians not to “lose heart” over his situation. Why might he have been concerned about this?

APPLY THE LESSON

Although the work of the church may not be as much of a “mystery” to us today as it was in the first century, why is it valuable for us to know and understand this mystery today?