

# EPHESIANS

## NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

STUDY  
NOTES

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Mystery Known

- 1 **What is the most intriguing conspiracy theory you've heard? Why is it so intriguing?**
- 2 **Why do you think humanity is drawn to mysteries and knowing the secrets of the unknown?**
- 3 **Read Ephesians 3:1-6. What mystery does Paul say have been made known now in Christ? Why did it take Christ to make this mystery known?**
- 4 **According to verse 6 what blessings are available through Jesus? Why might this mystery not seem so surprising today? Why do you think it was such a massive shockwave in the first century? What do we miss today being so far removed?**
- 5 **Read Ephesians 3:7-8. How is grace described in this passage, how is this different then how we usually think of grace in terms of salvation? How is grace extended to include calling and commission in this passage? Have you thought of Grace this way before? What does it change?**
- 6 **Read Ephesians 3:9-11. What does the church, just by its existence, accomplish in this passage?**
- 7 **What do you think of when you read "rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms"? Do you think much about the spirit realm, and do you feel educated regarding it? What questions might you have?**
- 8 **Have you ever felt spiritual attack? What was that like? Have you witnessed churches and ministries who have experienced a move of God and the spiritual attack that often seems to coincide? Why is that?**
- 9 **Why do you think the spiritual attack against the church is directed to our unity in Jesus and each other. According to this passage why might the church be a threat to the spiritual authorities that are anti-God?**
- 10 **Read Ephesians 3:12-13. What role does faith play? Why is this passage encouragement for the church movement in and around Ephesus, and for us today? What is God up to... and the mystery has now been made known?**

## Ephesians 3:1-13

# God's Marvelous Plan for the Gentiles

1For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles2Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, 3that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. 4In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. 6This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

7I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. 8Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, 9and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. 10His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, 11according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. 12In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. 13I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.