

Ephesians Chapter 3

1. What caught your attention or stood out to you most in the teaching?
2. In verse 5, Paul writes about how a mystery was revealed to him through the Holy Spirit. The Spirit reveals truths to us as we read through Scripture and go about our day, interacting with Him in prayer and also with others in the church. How have you experienced God revealing truth to you?
3. Paul reveals the mystery to us in verse 6, and it's that the Gentiles are heirs and share in the promise of God through Jesus. As you think about this, what is your initial reaction?
4. Read Romans 8:16-17. In verses that lead up to these two verses in Romans, Paul wrote about not living according to the flesh, but instead living by the Spirit. In Romans 8:16-17, we see that it's the Spirit that is our witness that we are children of God and thereby heirs. What provision does Paul place on this? How does this change your view of suffering?
5. In verse 8, Paul tells us he is the very least of all the saints, yet grace was given to him to preach the gospel. Read Acts 9:1-5. Why does Paul (called Saul in these verses) count himself as the least of all the saints?
6. Paul was given grace, and Jesus sent him to proclaim God's plan to the world. It's the same grace the rest of us are given. Reflect privately on the reasons why you think you are the least of all the saints and realize that Jesus offers that same grace to you. List anything that falls outside of God's grace. (Hint: Your list is empty. I promise.)

Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-9. The “spiritual gifts” are gifts given by the Holy Spirit. In the list we see gifts of faith and knowledge.

7. Paul understands how difficult it is to have Christ dwelling in our hearts all the time. He also understands how difficult it is to understand the fullness of God’s love. In verses 14-19, Paul drops to his knees in prayer for his readers, asking that the Spirit intercede, so they might have these very things. How important are these asks to your spiritual walk?

Application:

8. Write down at least one thing that you can take from this chapter and apply to your life.