



Week five:

The Mystery

Ephesians 3:1-13

Small Group Study

Welcome to Paul's Letter to the Ephesian Church! Paul begins to explain his role in the Body of Christ as a messenger of the gospel to the Gentiles!

Icebreaker:

1. Do you like mysteries? If so, what kind? Murder mysteries, mysteries of the cosmos, others?

Study:

Read Ephesians 3:1-13

2. What is the mystery the Paul speaks of in verses 3-6?
3. What specific role does Paul have in this mystery?
4. Because of the grace we have in Christ, Paul tells us we have both freedom and confidence to approach God...what do these words "freedom and confidence" say to you? Read Hebrews 4:14-16...how do these verses shed more light?
5. Why does Paul then tell the Ephesians not to be discouraged about the sufferings Paul is enduring?

Application:

6. Paul understands his role in the body of Christ to be preaching Jesus to the Gentiles...why might it be important that all of us discover at least one way we can serve the body?
7. Sometime we might be tempted to think that we are not a significant part of the body...when you think of your physical body, you might think the fingernail is not significant...until you have lost one...then you know how vital it is...how can we relate that to the body of Christ?
8. How can we discover more of who God has made us to be in the body of Christ?
9. How does it feel to know we can approach God with freedom and confidence?