



God's Dream

SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2021

Key Scripture: Ephesians 3:1–11

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Last Sunday, we learned that because of what Christ did on the cross, we are not only reconciled to God, but we are now reconciled to one another. Two people groups—Jews and Gentiles—who previously experienced the most hostile of relationships are now one! This Sunday, Paul lets us in on God's dream—the purpose for this unity. God's purpose is to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety (manifold = many colors) to all of the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. In other words, God shows off in color.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Think back to Sunday's message. What do you remember? Review your notes if you have them. If you're with a CV group, talk with them about anything you found memorable or confusing.
2. Read Ephesians 3:1-11. What would have been some of the personal and cultural issues Paul would have had to wrestle with in preaching to the Gentiles?
3. In verse 6, what three great privileges did the Gentiles, along with the Jews, attain in God's 'mysterious' plan?
4. According to verse 10, what has God made known through the church?
5. How does the church make known the 'manifold wisdom of God' to the 'authorities in the heavenly realm'?
6. How does unity between Jews & Gentiles display God's purposes for the world?
7. How do we see this revealed in the early church? (see Acts 2:5,41; Acts 6:7, Acts 13:1, Acts 15:8-10, 19-20)
8. How does fellowship in Christ among diverse people groups reveal the great wisdom of God, and proclaim His great power?
9. What effect do you think the Gospel has upon those that have felt outcast and marginalized from society?
10. What's one thing you learned from Sunday's message and today's discussion that will help you become a better disciple of Christ, and help others do the same?

NOW WHAT?

Be a part of God's dream.

