

Sermon Discussion Questions

Ephesians: Wisdom Revealed – Jenn Reese

2 November 2025

Sermon Text: Ephesians 3:1-13

AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20-30 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

This week Pastor Jenn Reese continues our sermon series in Ephesians. In her message, **Wisdom Revealed**, Pastor Jenn explores the mystery hidden for generations. This mystery? That through Christ, all people are invited into God's family, not just the Israelites (this was mind blowing to the Jewish leaders). Understanding this mystery transforms our understanding of the gospel and our mission to be heaven-on-earth people. Let's dive in and find out more.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week you were asked to have the Holy Spirit suggest someone who needed to receive mercy from you. Possibly someone you are retaliating against. Did anyone come to mind? Please share with your group.
2. What is something that really jumped out to you from Jenn's message this week?
3. Why do churches exist? In answering this question, think about why it seems that some churches exist and how does this differ from why churches are supposed to exist. What are some differences between the two?
4. In Genesis 11:1-9, we read that the nations of the earth were scattered and that spiritual powers and authorities were placed over them. God, however, kept the Israelites for Himself. How does learning this help us understand the spiritual warfare being waged all around us? (The writers of the Bible understood this cosmic struggle).
5. Read Ephesians 3:1-13 together. What is the mystery that was hidden? How does Paul further explain this mystery in 1 Corinthians 2:8?

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. What do you do with the leftover pumpkins you carved?
2. Do you rake the leaves in you yard or just wait for the wind to carry them off to somewhere else? (Be honest)
3. When do you start putting up Christmas decorations at your house?

6. What is the “mercy seat” that Jenn referenced in her message? What was important about the mercy seat? Does this understanding give new meaning to the verses found in Romans 3:23-25? (Hint: Propitiation = Mercy Seat).

7. What three things did Jenn say the church was supposed to be focused on?

APPLICATION

Think about the message and what the church is supposed to be focused on? How does encourage you or convict you about being what the church is supposed to be? How are you contributing to the biblical mission of the church? As the Holy Spirit to show you areas where you could improve.

COMING UP

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on, click on the NWC App, the website <https://nwckc.com> , or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Sermon study questions can also be found in all three locations.

Baptisms. 9:00 and 11:00 am, 9 November. Oak Park High School, 825 NE 79th Terrace, Kansas City, MO.
Register at: <https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+s5f8n6t>

FINAL THOUGHT

Every time we partner with God, darkness is pushed back.