

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



These discussion questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. You can use them for your personal Bible study, family study, and/or small group study.

Overview

Sermon: *Live out Loud*

This is the secret: that through the Good News those who are not Jews will share with the Jews in God's blessing. They belong to the same body, and they share together in the promise that God made in Christ Jesus.— Ephesians 3:6

Have you ever been around someone who can get side tracked in a conversation? Paul gets side tracked telling us about this divine mystery. It gives him joy and excitement even while being in prison to think that he is a part of this mystery of God's glorious riches.

Discussion

1. Read Ephesians 3:2-5. The divine mystery Paul is talking about is something that is beyond human knowledge and could only be discovered through divine power. How do you feel about the concept that there are things in this universe that go beyond human logic?
2. Read Ephesians 3:6. Paul gave up thousands of years of Jewish traditions to make us a part of God's family. Why do you think Paul could be so joyfully and gratefully about giving up these traditions?
3. Read Ephesians 3:7-8. How do you think Paul is able to remain so humble?
4. The church is God's plan to show his wisdom to the angels. What do you think of God's plan and what do you think of the concept of Angels watching over us?
5. Make a list of the things that divided the early church and then make a list of the things that divide us now. How can we learn to seek reconciliation from the early church?

Application

6. What does it look like for you to live with the same humility that Paul did?
7. How can you be a person who lives out this mystery of God's glorious riches?
8. After hearing how important the Church is to God's plan for all of creation, does it change your perspective and commitment to the local church?

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