



A Church of Grace

In Ephesians 3:1–13, Paul pauses his prayer to explain how God’s grace has shaped his calling, his identity, and his mission—even *while he is in prison*. He reminds the church that God’s plan, once a “mystery,” has now been revealed: Gentiles are full heirs in God’s family, united with Jewish believers through Christ. Paul’s own transformation from persecutor to preacher displays the power of grace to change a life and redirect a purpose. Through this passage, we are invited to see ourselves as heirs of God’s promise and participants in God’s ministry. Ultimately, Paul calls the church to live confidently in the grace that sustains them and empowers them to serve.

- What is something (not money) that you have inherited or has been passed down to you that’s really meaningful? Why is it meaningful?
- Read Ephesians 3:1–6. Paul describes the “mystery” revealed to him. What does it mean that Gentiles are now heirs “together with Israel,” and why would this have been so surprising to the early church?
- Read Ephesians 3:7–13. Paul says he became a servant of the gospel “by the gift of God’s grace.” How does Paul’s imprisonment reshape how we understand calling, suffering, or purpose?
- In Ephesians 3:10–12, Paul connects God’s plan to the global church’s witness. What does this reveal about the role of the church in God’s larger story?
- In what ways has God’s grace changed how you see yourself—your identity, your past, or your sense of belonging in God’s family?
- Paul sees his circumstances (even prison) as part of the ministry God gave him. Where might God be calling you to serve *in your current season*?
- Who is someone in your life right now that God may be inviting you to “leave better than you found”—to minister to, encourage, or bless?

Praying together

Partner up with an individual of the same gender. Share about an opportunity for ministry for someone. Pray for each other to have the courage and wisdom from God to take the next step.

