



MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

## Community Group Material:

*Bible Reading: Ephesians 3:2-13*

Ask one person to pray at the beginning of your meeting.

### Check-in

Check in with each other about how everyone is doing.

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### Sermon Summary:

#### God's Mystery, Paul's Ministry & the Church's Message

The revealing of the mystery of God's mission needed a person to reveal it. God used various people to reveal and carry out His mission. Paul was one of those who received grace for his part. He was charged as a steward to carry out this mission. The grace given to him was for the sake of others.

This mystery or secret was revealed that both Jews and non-Jews were given equal status as well as reconciled to be one body, one church to show the multi-faceted wisdom of God. God is multi-dimensional and needs all different kinds of people with all their differences in order to fully show forth who He is. The more diverse the church is, the more all the aspects of God are show.

The question is are we able to be enlarged to receive all these differences.

**Discussion:**

1. Read Ephesians 4:7. We have no problem with Paul receiving grace. What frustrates or prohibits us from realizing that we have been given grace and have a stewardship given to us?
2. Consider each other and tell each other what you feel their gift or ability is that can be a blessing to others.
3. What is the inheritance that we all will inherit together?
4. What are the promises that we all will partake of together?
5. What are the factors that make us unable to receive people different from ourselves?
6. How do you deal with people who have different views about things than yourself?
7. How can you be enlarged to receive or fellowship with people who are different than yourself?
8. Why is it important that a church should have diversity?

**End with Prayer.**

- Pray for our enlarging of receiving different kinds of people.
- Pray for any needs of people in your group.