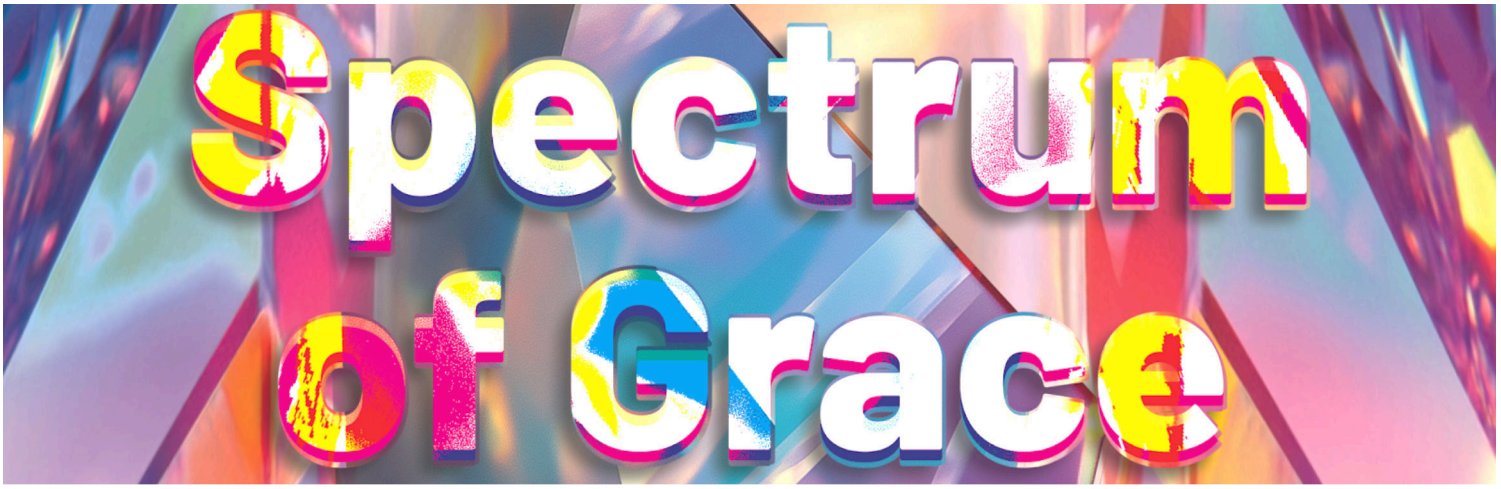


Week of October 26, 2025 - Revelation Of The Mystery Small Group Lesson 7

Connect

Think about a "mystery" that was in a story. Why do we have a need to know? What made the final "reveal" so satisfying or surprising?

Verses - Ephesians 3:1-13 (NKJV)

Read aloud:

1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles– 2 if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, 3 how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, 4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), 5 which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: 6 that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, 7 of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power. 8 To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; 10 to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, 11 according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him. 13 Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

Briefly restate the context. How is it encouraging, challenging, comforting, etc.?

Study

Answer the questions together based on the Bible verses:

1. In v.1, Paul calls himself a "prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles." Why does he see himself as Christ's prisoner rather than Rome's? What does this tell us about his perspective?

2. Paul defines the "mystery" in v.6. What three specific phrases does he use to describe the new status of the Gentiles? Why was this idea so revolutionary (v.5)?

3. In vv.7-8, how does Paul describe himself and his ministry? What is the connection between his deep sense of humility ("less than the least") and the "effective working of His power" in him?

4. According to v.10, what is the Church's mission in relation to the "principalities and powers"? How does the Church "make known" the "manifold wisdom of God" to them?

Share

Discuss 1:

Pastor Jesse challenged us to see our "little prison" (our difficulties and struggles) as a "divine position" or "platform" for ministry. How does this idea challenge the way you normally view hardships? What is one "prison" in your life that God might want to use as a "platform"? What would you do?

Discuss 2:

Pastor Jesse said if we "put prayer on the back shelf," we will be "years behind" in our spiritual walk. How did the message challenge you to pray in new ways? How can you incorporate it into your prayer life more while "multi-tasking" this week (e.g., while commuting, cooking, exercising, working, or walking)?

Minister to one another through PRAYER sharing specific prayer requests.