

Study of Ephesians – Week 4

Pray and ask God, through the Holy Spirit, to help you understand the Bible and that its truth would be revealed to you this week. Then, read the passages of Scripture designated for each day and answer the questions only using the referenced verses. Bring your responses next week for group discussion.

DAY 1. Read Ephesians 3:1-6, and answer the questions.

1.) Paul begins Chapter 3 by saying, “for this reason...” referring to all that God has done that Paul explained in the preceding chapters/verses. Briefly summarize what you think “this reason” is that Paul is referring to in Ephesians 3:1.

2.) In verse 4, Paul refers to the “mystery made known to me”, what is that “mystery”? (See Ephesians 3:4, 6).

3.) Why was this mystery not made known to men in other generations, as stated in Ephesians 3:5?

DAY 2. Read Ephesians 3:1-13, and answer the questions.

1.) How did Paul become a servant of the gospel? (See Eph. 3:7-8). What did he think of his own qualifications for his calling?

2.) As we read in Ephesians 3:7-10, Paul continued to be amazed at the grace he received, and his unworthiness to be chosen to preach the gospel message. What is your attitude as you reflect on where God has placed you in life, and the message He has called you to preach? How does that point to God’s grace?

3.) How was the wisdom of God to be “made known”? (See Eph. 3:10-11).

4.) What is your reaction to Ephesians 3:12? How is that freedom and confidence apparent in your life?

DAY 3. Read Ephesians 3:14-20, and answer the questions.

- 1.) Paul states, that “for this reason, I kneel before the Father,” (Eph. 3:14), as he beings his prayer for the people of Ephesus. What is his attitude in prayer? How does he acknowledge God? (Eph. 3:14-15)

- 2.) Paul prays for “power” (vs. 3:16) for the believers. Where does this power come from?

- 3.) From 3:16-17, what is the result of being “strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being”?

- 4.) From Ephesians 3:14-17, what can you apply to your own prayer life?

DAY 4. Read Ephesians 3:14-20, and answer the questions.

- 1.) Paul prays that the Ephesian believers will be “rooted” and “established in love” (Eph. 3:17), and describes the desire that they would understand the love of Christ. How would you describe the love of Christ for you? Have you asked God to give you deeper “roots” in love? What would be the result?

- 2.) Verse 3:19 describes the love of Christ as love that “surpasses knowledge,” but it is not unknowable. How does verse 19 explain that we can understand this love?

- 3.) Read Ephesians 3:20. What is your response to that promise? Does your life reflect a belief that He is “able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine?”

- 4.) Ephesians 3:16-10 is a powerful prayer. List the names of those for whom you will pray Ephesians 3:16-10 this week.