

Clean Slate | Ephesians 3:1-21

February 12th, 2023

My Story Questions

These questions/activities help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one. OR.... You might start the meeting with one person sharing highlights of their story. Set up a rotation.

- 1) What different local churches have you been involved with over your life? (remind to speak positively)
- 2) What was your experience with Saturday Serves? How did you see God at work?

Study Questions

These are meant for personal preparation and group discussion. Use all or pick a few to discuss.

- 1) What was your biggest take away from the sermon this week?
- 2) Were there any questions from the Live it Out section that you would like to discuss?

Read Ephesians 3:1-13 - Paul preaches the mystery of the new church.

- 3) Are you especially encouraged by anything in this passage? Are you troubled by anything?
- 4) What was the mystery hidden for the ages? How does being invited into the family with other believers show the wisdom of God? What lessons about the church do you learn?
- 5) Why would preaching the mystery have gotten Paul thrown in prison?
- 6) When have you faced difficulty for holding firmly to unpopular truths about God? What was your response?
- 7) How did Paul view his calling to preach? What call for the church do you believe you have from God and how are you fulfilling that call?

Read Ephesians 3:14-21 - Paul prays to empower the new church.

- 8) Do you see any promises, commands, or warnings in this section? How do they apply to your situations?
- 9) What is the physical position of Paul in prayer? Can you imagine a time when that posture could be helpful?
- 10) What did Paul pray for believers? Which do you most need in your circumstances?
- 11) When have you most experienced the fullness of God?
- 12) What is the ultimate purpose in having the church experience God's fullness? What does that look like for you personally?
- 13) What is clearer to you after reading chapter 3?

Responding to Jesus

Offer these questions for personal reflection before your group prayer time. Practice listening for God's voice.

- 1) Lord, "What part of this prayer do I most need to pray for myself?"
- 2) Lord, "What step of faith do I need to take in my local church so I can experience more of your fullness?"