

## FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

*EPHESIANS: Awake, O Sleeper - Ephesians 3:1-13 - The Mystery Revealed - 02.11.2024*

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?  
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. At the beginning of the message I shared a story about a time in my life where I felt like an outsider & wanted to be on the inside.  
Have you ever experienced a situation like that, and if so, how did that desire impact/motivate you?  
In that situation, were you able to move from an "outsider" to an "insider" - why or why not?  
Did you learn anything about yourself through that situation?
3. How does the "mystery revealed" in Ephesians 3:1-13 relate to the above story?  
What is at stake, who is on the outside, and what is the means by which they can become "insiders"?  
How do these verses correlate to what's already been stated in the preceding chapter(s)?  
Why is it so important that all believers understand this revealed mystery & how does this impact our lives practically?
4. Read Ephesians 3:6:  
According to this verse, what have the Gentiles now become?  
When you consider who we WERE before vs who we ARE now, how does this identity change how we live?  
Do you ever find yourself struggling to live out of the truths revealed in this verse?  
What are some practical steps you can take to live differently in light of this new identity?
5. Read Ephesians 3:10-13:  
What role does the church play in revealing the "manifold wisdom of God" & to whom is that demonstrated?  
How does the gospel (and its implications in the lives of ALL people) provide this revelation?  
According to verse 12, what is available to all of us who are in Christ (regardless of ethnicity, social status, etc.)?  
Do you take advantage this unprecedented (prior to Christ) access to the Father? If not, how can you start?
6. How does the eternal purpose of God as evident in the Gospel bring comfort to you as a follower of Jesus?  
Why does it matter that this was all a part of God's eternal purpose and plan & not a plan thought up AFTER humanity's sin?  
What does this reveal about the character & nature of our God and how we ought to respond to Him?
7. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?  
**EVER FELT LIKE AN OUTSIDER WISHING YOU WERE INSIDE?**  
*By faith in Christ, we who WERE far off are now insiders who can boldly & confidently access God—our Heavenly Father!*  
**SO LET'S ALL DO IT!!**