

MYSTERY

DISCOVERING WHO GOD HAS CALLED US TO BE

What Is the Mystery of Christ?

SUMMARY:

In Ephesians 3:4, the Apostle Paul writes about the “mystery of Christ.” This can be a puzzling statement as we begin to wonder what this mystery is. What is this cryptic secret that we must decipher? Thankfully, we only need to look at the verses above and below for the clues which will lead us to our answer.

When reading the Bible, it’s always important to read in context. That means we must look at whole scripture passages, and not simply a few verses here and there. We must also see how these scripture passages fit into the larger book and in the grand narrative of scripture. Another important aspect of context is understanding the cultural moment in which the words were written and to whom the words were written. Who is the author? Who is the audience? When was this written? Where was this written? All these context clues help us understand the Bible.

For this week’s discussion, we are studying the mystery of Christ. Take time to read **Ephesians 3:1-7** several times before going through the questions below.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Upward

God made a revelation to the Apostle Paul. What is that revelation?

Why do you think God wanted to bring the Gentiles and the Jews together? Read Galatians 3:13-14. How does this verse help you understand God’s heart for people?

In the Bible, a “mystery” ([3466](#) /*mystérion*) is not *something unknowable*. Rather, it is what *can only be known through revelation*, i.e. because *God reveals* it. How does the “mystery of Christ” bring healing and restoration to humanity?

Inward

Do you see yourself as part of this mystery? Why or why not?

How are you prone view people who are different from you? How do you want to view those who are different from you in light of this mystery?

Outward

What might happen if you were to invite a person in your friend group to know the mystery of Christ? How can you be intentional in your interactions to seek out unity within diversity?