

Connect Group Discussion Guide

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EPHESIANS - PT 4
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SERMON SUMMARY

The unifying point of this part of Paul's letter is Ephesians 3:10. It states that, through the church, God's manifold wisdom is made known to rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. Wow!

This multi-faceted wisdom of God appears in Christ, the church's foundation. It appears in new humanity--a combination of Jews and Gentiles together. It also appears in Paul as a builder.

As we embrace the pattern and plan of God's wisdom, we can submit to it and embrace its mysteries.

READ THE PASSAGE

Ephesians 2:14-3:13

Read the passage in the ESV then read it in a different version that might help explain it simply, like the NLT or NIV.

Working together, summarize the main points of the text, rephrasing the passage in your own words.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Remember that your Group Leader and Connect group is here to support you every step of the way.
- Before you read scripture, pray a short prayer asking God's Spirit to help you understand what He wants you to receive from His Word. It is His breath that brings life and opens our minds and hearts to spiritual truth.
- Ask, "Holy Spirit, help me/us understand Your word."

ENGAGE WITH THE PASSAGE

1. What has Christ done to bring peace where there was once hostility?
2. Verse 19 says that we are no longer strangers and aliens, but fellow citizens and members of God's household. What are some of the rights, responsibilities, and changes that come with our new identity and status?
3. Look at 1 Corinthians 6:17-20 also. How do these verses align with Ephesians 2:20-21?
4. What "us vs. them" divisions do we see around us? What would it look like for the gospel to break down those divisions in the church and in our connect group?
5. How is your boldness and confidence lately? Is it easy for you to see God's manifold wisdom from where you are right now?

NEXT STEPS

As you consider your next step, reflect on:

- 1) How can we as a group support each other and grow in unity in Christ?
- 2) Where do I need to increase in faith and trust in God's wisdom?

Give your group a few moments to reflect on their answers to the questions above. Then have your group answer the question aloud. Feel free to separate into smaller groups of 2 or 3 for this question, so each person has others praying with them for the needs they're taking before the throne.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Ephesians 4:1 "I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called."

PRACTICE

Last week, we looked at seemingly impossible situations and brought them before God to place them in His hands. Is someone willing to share an impossible thing they placed in God's hands? Have they left it in His hands and continued to trust Him? Has God used that prayer in some way?

This week, think of someone you consider a "them"--someone not like you. Think of something that will trigger your mind to think of them--it could be a note on a mirror, an object in your home, or a word. Every time you notice that thing, pray a blessing for that person.