



HOUSE GROUPS

HOUSE Groups: Discussion Questions:

Ephesians 3:1-21

(Memory Verse)

Ephesians 3:20-21 - *20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him [be] glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

(Ephesians 3:1-5): **1** For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles-- **2** if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, **3** how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, **4** by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), **5** which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets:

Question: What are some examples of racism today, and what are your thoughts on why racism even exists?

Question: Why was it so important to Paul for the Jews, and the Gentiles to understand their equal position before God? How would this help them overcome their animosity towards each other?

Question: Why is it such a big deal that the Gentiles be welcomed into the family of God?

(Ephesians 3:6-8): **6** that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, **7** of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power. **8** To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

Question: How does the power of the Holy Spirit working through God's grace enable us to do things that are well beyond our own abilities, and transcend social norms?

Question: What effect do you think the Gospel has upon those that have felt outcast, and marginalized from society?

(Ephesians 3:9-10): **9** and to make all see what [is] the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; **10** to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly [places],

Question: How does *fellowship in Christ* among diverse people groups reveal the great wisdom of God, and proclaim His great power?

Question: What do the *principalities and powers* (angelic beings) learn from the Church?

(Ephesians 3:11-13): **11** according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, **12** in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him. **13** Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

Question: How does knowing the truths of God's mystery embolden, and encourage us to approach the Lord?

Question: Why is it that some believers lack the confidence that God would like them to have?

(Ephesians 3:14-19): **14** For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **15** from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, **16** that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, **17** that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, **18** may be able to comprehend with all the saints what [is] the width and length and depth and height-- **19** to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Question: How does the Holy Spirit help strengthen our inner man, and increase our faith?

Question: Why is it so important to be rooted, and grounded in love?

Question: How does having a fuller understanding of God's love bring us fulfillment?

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Question: How are Christians robbed of the power of the Holy Spirit?

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Question: Have you every asked God for strength, and what did you need the strength for?

Question: Are you aware of God's great love for you, and how does that affect your life?