



SEQUIM COMMUNITY CHURCH

EPHESIANS

SESSION 9: THE MYSTERY FINALLY MADE CLEAR

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“Exploring the new life and new society God has created through Jesus”

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“I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.” – Ephesians 3:7-9

1. How have you experienced God's power in your life to accomplish the ministry God has given you to do? _____

2. Here we see Paul talking about the “administration (management or stewardship) of this mystery.” Just as Paul preached to the Gentiles, who reached out to you and encouraged you with the gospel? _____

“His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.” – Ephesians 3:10-11

3. In your own words, how would you explain the mission of the church from verses 6,10-11?

• What is the “manifold wisdom of God”? _____

*“In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.”
- Ephesians 3:12*

4. How free and confident do you feel in approaching God? _____

“I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.” - Ephesians 13:13

5. Paul was in prison "for the sake of you Gentiles" (v3:1). How then was Paul's imprisonment a benefit (or glory) to his readers? _____

Digging Deeper

For those who want to do more personal reflection on this topic.

Mysteries revealed in the New Testament:

So far we've explored the revealed mystery that "the Gentles are heirs together with Israel". Here's a few more mysteries found in the Bible:

"Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him." - Romans 16:25-26

"This is the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." - Colossians 1:26-27

"My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." - Colossians 2:2-3

"Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed--in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed." - 1 Corinthians 15:51-52

Q: How do these revelations from God encourage you in your faith? _____
