

Small Group Study Guide- Ephesians 3:1-6 The Gospel Unleashed Part One

“The framers of our Constitution meant we were to have freedom of religion, not freedom from religion.” - Billy Graham

Paul speaks of freedom, but became a prisoner to unleash others. How can we become bondservants to free others with the gospel?

1) The *stewardship* of God’s grace. (Eph. 3:2)

- Stewardship is “administration of an idea or plan.” What plan has God birthed in you and how are you pursuing it?
- What ways can we be assured that we are being good stewards of God’s grace in our own lives? If we have a plan and we see it through, what type of results should we expect? (See *1 Peter 4:17-19*)
- As we think of the gospel, how has our Lord:
 1. Enabled us (*Eph. 2:8-10*)
 2. Empowered us (*Acts 1:8*)
 3. Entrusted us (*2 Cor. 5:20*)

2) The *revelation* of the mystery of Christ. (Eph. 3:3-5)

- Paul speaks of unmerited favor, likely includes the imagery of his Damascus Road experience. What was your Damascus Road experience, share with the group!
- How can we understand the mystery of Christ? What does this mean to us now? In the future? (See *Eph. 2:11-22*)

3) *Partakers* of the promise. (Eph. 3:6)

- Explain these concepts:
 - Same people:
 - Same promise:
 - Same salvation:
- How is our promise in Christ? (*Hebrews 6:13-20*)
- How is our promise through the gospel? (*2 Tim. 1:8-10*)