

Small Group Study Guide- Ephesians 3:7-9
The Gospel Unleashed Part Two

“When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.”

- *Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship*

The second week of our series moves us from the mystery of the gospel to the ministry of the gospel. It challenges us to understand grace, experience grace and apply the ministry of grace to our lives in both general and specific ways.

1). The ministry of grace: God’s power working in us! (Eph. 3:7-8)

- We are all called to be ministers/servants of the gospel? Do you consider yourself a minister? Why or why not? (*See 2 Cor. 3:4-6*) Does God consider us His ministers? How is the ministry of grace manifesting in your life?
- Explain the correlation between minister and servant? (*See Phil. 2:5-11*)
- Paul says that God’s power is working in us! How would you define God’s power (*See Acts 1:8*) and Eph. 1:19-20)? How should God’s power be working in us?
- As we think of the ministry of grace, ask yourself again: how has God resourced us to be a ministers of the gospel?
 1. *How has He enabled us? (See Eph. 2:8-10)*
 2. *How has He empowered us? (See 2 Cor. 12:9-10)*
 3. *How has He entrusted us? (See 2 Cor. 5:20)*

2) The ministry of grace: Our general and specific application. (Eph. 3:8-9)

- How would you define a general application of being a minister of grace? What actions should one witness and/or experience? (*See Matt. 5:16*) Share an example of how you have been a minister of grace in a general sense.
- How would you define a specific application of being a minister of grace? How do we align our wiring with our witness? Give personal examples! (*See 1 Cor. 12:1-7*)