

Small Group Study Guide- Ephesians 3:10-13
The Gospel Unleashed Part Three

“As long as you do things for God, you are a Hall of Famer in heaven's list.”

— Rick Warren

The third week of our series examines the purpose of grace.

1) Purpose: The church is the conduit of God's manifold wisdom. (Eph. 3:10)

- How vital is the church in God's gospel plan?
- Church = Colorful Bouquet: How might we see this variety in the church today, both locally and globally?
- What do we learn from Paul's ability to be the conduit of God's manifold wisdom? (*See Acts 17:22-31*)
- In what ways can we become conduits of grace? What might this look like in your life, your family, and your participation in the church? (*See Ephesians 2:8-10*)
 - How does this fit into your wiring and witness?
 - How does this fit into your general and specific call as a minister of the new covenant?

2) Purpose: The grace of God is realized in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Eph. 3:11-12)

- How does Christ reveal God's intentional sovereign plan?
- What does Christ centered “boldness” and “confidence” look like? Do you have specific examples/experiences?

3) Purpose: Do not lose heart amidst suffering. (Eph. 3:13)

- What does the Bible teach us about suffering? (*See James 1:2-4*) How do we tend to view suffering? Compare your current attitude with the testimony from Acts 5:17-42.
- How can we bloom during suffering? How does this allow us to be a conduit of God's grace? (*See Matthew 5:10-12*)