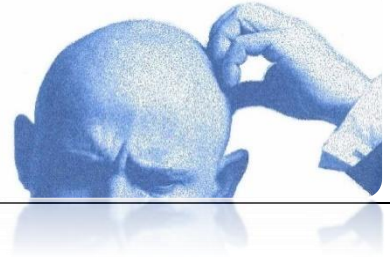


Billboard – Ephesians 3:2-13

Small Group Questions



The following questions are intended to start conversations.

Use only the ones your group finds helpful.

Take as long as you need with any one question.

Explore other questions as they come up.

- Read **Ephesians 3:2-13**.
- What is the mystery of Christ that Paul is seeking to make known?
- What is the significance of knowing a God who remains beyond our grasp? Does this strike you as good news or just plain confusing? Why?
- In verse 6, non-Jewish outsiders are described as being co-heirs and members of one body (*see also Ephesians 2:14-18*). In what way is this a picture of the church? Do people outside of the church see this kind of unity? If not, why not?
- Re-read verse 10. What does the phrase “manifold wisdom of God” mean (*see also 1 Corinthians 1:18-24*)? How might the church display this kind of wisdom?
- Timothy Gombis writes, “In the face of the powers and authorities whose rule over this present evil age is characterized by destruction, division, and idolatry, God’s power is demonstrated... by creating in Christ one unified, multi-racial body consisting of formerly divided groups of people. The mere existence of the church as such a body set within the hostile environment of the present evil age proclaims the wisdom of God.” What is your reaction to this quote?
- In what way is the church like a billboard? Is this a helpful metaphor? Why?
- If this image is accurate, what do you think people in our culture are seeing displayed?