Triangle Bible Study

Lesson 11: Ephesians 3

Warmup

• How did listening to the lecture on Ephesians 3 help you understand the chapter?

Day 1: Read Ephesians 3:1-6 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

- 1. How does Paul describe himself in his current situation (v. 1)?
- 2. In what way was this mystery given to Paul, the apostles, and prophets?
- 3. Explain the three aspects of the mystery (v. 6).

Day 2: Read Ephesians 3:7-9, Matthew 6:33-34, Mark 16:15, 1 Corinthians 7:17, 1 Peter 2:9 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

- 4. Who did Paul say he had become, and how did it happen (v. 7)? Describe Paul's new kingdom assignment (vs. 8-9).
- 5. Write down what you learn about God's kingdom assignment from the cross references provided.

Matthew 6:33-34

Mark 16:15

1 Corinthians 7:17

1 Peter 2:9

6. What kingdom assignment has God ever given you?

Day 3: Read Ephesians 3:10-13, Hebrews 4:14-16 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

- 7. What do you learn about God's intent for His church in today's scriptures?
- 8. Explain how God's eternal purpose was accomplished in Christ Jesus.
- 9. How does Paul's reaction to his afflictions encourage you in your difficult situation (vs. 12-13)? (Also use Hebrews 4:14-16.)

Day 4: Read Ephesians 3:14-19 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

- 10. What does Paul ask that God supply for the Ephesians? (Hint: look for what comes after the word "may.")
- 11. Who do you know that needs similar help from God? Take a moment to ask God to supply the person(s) the same things Paul requested for the Ephesians.
- 12. Which part of Paul's prayer for the Ephesians is most needed in your own life? Take a moment now to pray for God to meet this need.

Day 5: Read Ephesians 3:20-21 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

- 13. Give an example of a time in your life when God did immeasurably more than you asked or imagined.
- 14. How should you respond to hearing another believer's testimony of God doing immeasurably more than they could imagine?

15. What do you think Paul means in v. 21: "in Him be glory in the church?"

Day 6: Review Ephesians 3 [Open NIV] [Open NKJV]

- 16. What new fact or principle did you learn from Chapter 3?
- 17. How will you apply something learned from Chapter 3?
- 18. Explain your takeaway from Ephesians 3.