

### Open It

1. Do you like to figure things out for yourself or get help as soon as possible?
2. How good are you at explaining things to others?

### Ephesians 3:1–13 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—

<sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you,

<sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly.

<sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ,

<sup>5</sup>which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.

<sup>6</sup>This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power.

<sup>8</sup>To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

<sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things,

<sup>10</sup>so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

<sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,

<sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

<sup>13</sup>So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

### Explore It

3. What would the Ephesians have heard about Paul? (3:2–3)
4. To what mystery did Paul refer? (3:2–3)
5. How did Paul receive insight into the mystery of Christ? (3:4–5)
6. How did Paul reveal the mystery of Christ? (3:6)
7. How was Paul enabled to be a servant? (3:7)
8. What was Paul’s attitude to his call? (3:8)
9. What was Paul called to disclose? (3:9)
10. Through what medium was God’s wisdom communicated? (3:10)
11. How did God accomplish His plan? (3:11)
12. In light of God’s work, how may believers approach Him? (3:11–12)
13. Why were Paul’s sufferings the glory of the Ephesians? (3:13)

### Get It

14. What gives you confidence and freedom in approaching God?
15. How is sharing the gospel with someone like discovering priceless treasure?

### Apply It

16. What can you do this week to help others understand the mystery of Christ’s provision for sin?