



The church is made of sinners saved by grace, joined as one community, where God's spirit dwells, called to display God's glory to the world.



Key truths:

1. Through Jesus Gentiles are fellow heirs in Christ.

2. The church proclaims God's wisdom to the world.

3. Because of Jesus we have boldness and confidence in faith.



Discussion Starters:

1. Paul was seeking to hurt Christians before he met Jesus. He even participated in the stoning of Stephen (Acts 8:1). Is it hard for you that even someone that bad can receive God's grace? Is there someone you think God can't change? Take a minute to pray they get to know Jesus.

2. Most mysteries have clues and need to be solved. Paul writes about a different kind of mystery, the "mystery of Christ" in verses 1-9. How is it different? What is this mystery?

3. God deserves all glory because of who He is and what He does. How does the church display this glory of God? Though forgiven, we still sin and mess up- how do we show His great worth together?

For Youth: Re-read verses 9-11. Paul describes a grand vision of God's purposes for the Church, that it would display God's wisdom and his plan to unite all people and all things under the authority of Christ. Is this how you see the Church? Why or Why not? How do you think you might have to change your view of the Church? How do you think the Church might need to change to better fit this description?

4. Verse 12 says we have 'boldness and access with confidence' through our faith in Jesus. What does he mean by this? Do you experience this in your relationship with God? Think about your family, church, small group or pod before the throne of King Jesus. Are you talking? Listening? Worshiping? Singing? Laughing? What a gift and privilege to have this close relationship with him!

"The Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel." Ephesians 3:6

