

Ephesians 3

Church in God's Plan



What are some of the reasons people leave a church? What reasons lead people to give up on church entirely?

Read Ephesians 3

What does Paul show about his ministry in Ephesians 3?

Why do you think God only revealed the inclusion of the Gentiles in Paul's generation? (see v5)

How is Paul's ministry related to the church?

In what ways does the church make known "the manifold wisdom of God"? (see v10-11)
Does anyone apart from the spiritual forces learn this from the church?

Since God plans to use the church to show his wisdom, what does that mean for our view of church?

What does Paul pray for the church? Why do you think he prays for these things?

What would show this prayer was being answered in a church?

Summing up

Imagine you were speaking to someone who was finding church discouraging or had given up on church. What could you share from this chapter that would be relevant for them?

Are there ways that this passage challenges your attitude or actions?

What can we pray for our church from this passage?