

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION –
Ephesians 3:1-21

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Read Ephesians 3:1-13

1. List as many things as you can concerning the “mystery” which Paul writes about in these verses.
2. What are the ways in which Paul describes himself in these verses? How does his background affect this – see 1 Cor 15:9; Acts 7:54 – 8:3.
3. Paul mentions “grace” at several points. What is he referring to? How is the grace given to Paul the same as what has been given to us? In what respects is it different?
4. Who are “the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places” in verse 10? (See also 6:12.)
5. Considering your answer to 4, try to write verse 10 in your own words.
6. Look at v10-12. What is God’s big plan for the world? See also 1:9-10.

Read Ephesians 3:14-21

7. What does Paul pray for the Ephesians?
8. What are the similarities between this prayer and the prayer in 1:15-23?
9. Paul specifically mentions the three persons of the Trinity. What distinctive things does he say of each?
10. What does it mean to be “rooted and grounded in love” (v. 17)?

Implications

(Choose one or more of the following to think about further or to discuss in your group.)

- What things do we use to give meaning and significance to our lives?
- What things in life distract us from the true importance of Jesus Christ and the gospel?
- What sorts of features would characterize a person who is “rooted and grounded in love”? Try to be as specific as possible.

Give thanks and pray

- Thank God for mercifully giving us access to him through faith in Christ Jesus.
- Think of some Christians you know and pray for them the way Paul does for the Ephesians.