



Ephesians 3:1-13

The Stewardship of Grace

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Easy warm-up questions (choose one)

1. What was one of the best mystery novels you've read or movie that you've seen?
2. Last week, where did you see God at work?

How Paul describes himself (3:1-6)

1. God is more gracious to Christians living in the U.S. than Christians who suffer persecution elsewhere.
AGREE DISAGREE DECLINE TO TAKE A POSITION
1. What does Paul mean by he is a "prisoner for Jesus Christ"?
2. What does Paul mean that he has been given "the stewardship of God's grace"?
3. Why do you think Paul chooses to describe himself this way to the Ephesians?
4. What is the mystery that Paul writes about?
5. What does Paul's description of the mystery help you to understand about God?
6. What does Paul's description of the mystery help you to understand about your own place in God's plan?
7. What is Paul's "mindset" in the midst of his circumstances?
8. These days, how might hearing Paul's "mindset" encourage you?

How Paul describes his ministry (3:7-13)

1. What does Paul mean that he "was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace"?
2. How does Paul describe the ways in which God has used Paul to bring glory to Himself?
3. How does Paul describe how God uses the church to bring glory to Himself?
4. Why might it be crucial for Creekside to understand how Paul's description of ministry applies to us as a congregation?

Processing all that...

Consider Big Picture Truth #1: God graciously blesses His people with what He desires to use in their lives for His purposes and His glory.

1. These days, what does this truth look like at Creekside?
2. These days, what does this truth look like in your life?

Consider Big Picture Truth #2: Stewardship is what we do with what God graciously blesses us with.

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2. These days, what does this truth look like in your life?