



Prayer Request: Pray that God would use our church for his glory.

Icebreaker Question: What was one of the best surprises of your life?

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Ephesians 3:1-13. Paul calls the Ephesians not to lose heart. When have you found yourself spiritually discouraged? Individually? As a church?
2. Paul describes the surprising means, including his own suffering, that God was using to advance the gospel. How have you seen God use surprising means to bring himself glory?
3. Paul describes how the gospel message went out to surprising people across cultural divides. Who might God be calling you to share the gospel with?
4. Paul describes how God's wisdom is displayed through the surprising unity of the church across cultural divides. How do you see this sort of surprising unity on display in our church? How could our church better live this out?
5. What truths are you most encouraged by in this passage?

General Questions:

1. What new concept did you learn from this week's text?
2. Is there anything in the text that you don't understand?
3. How does this text challenge you to change? Is there anything standing in your way of making that change?

Prayer: Father, thank you for revealing your unsearchable riches to us in Christ through your gospel. Thank you for revealing your eternal purpose by which you have made us your own. Keep us from losing heart over your surprising ways. Use our church to display your wisdom for your glory. In Christ's name we pray, Amen. (Adapted from Ephesians 3:1-13)