



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
R O C H E S T E R

**Sermon Discussion Guide**  
**October 29, 2023**

**Refresh**

Read Ephesians 3:4-6 to get the Scripture passage back in your mind.

**Discuss**

Why was it so difficult for Peter and other Jewish believers to properly understand how God was grafting the Gentiles into His covenant promises in the gospel? Why might it be difficult for us to appreciate how challenging this would have been for Jewish believers in the 1<sup>st</sup> century?

How does Paul describe the means through which both Jew and Gentile enter the multi-ethnic church that Jesus is building? How does this highlight God's grace in the gospel?

What is the mystery that Paul refers to in verses 4-6? In what ways would revealing this mystery have changed the church in the 1<sup>st</sup> century? What implications does it have for us today?

How does Paul emphasize the togetherness of Jews and Gentiles in verse 6? Why would this togetherness be an important point for Paul to drive home?

Why do you think God has chosen to bring about His redemptive plan through the church? In what ways does the church uniquely reflect His glory?

Paul makes much of the church in the book of Ephesians. Why do you think that is the case? If the church is so important in God's redemptive plan, how should our lives reflect the importance of the church?