God's Divine Mystery

Ephesians 3:1–13

1. Welcome (10 min)	2. Discovery (40 min)	3. Response (10 min)
Gratitude, Reality & Care	Read Text & 3-Point Study	"I Will" & Closing Prayer

PART 1: WELCOME & FELLOWSHIP (10 MINUTES)

- **Praise & Gratitude:** What specific answered prayer or blessing from God are you thanking Him for this week?
- **Current Reality:** Where have you faced a burden, difficulty, or trial where you need the Lord's strength?

PART 2: SCRIPTURE READING — EPHESIANS 3:1–13 (CSB)

1 For this reason, I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—
2 assuming you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you— 3 that the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have briefly written above. 4 By reading this you are able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ.
5 This was not made known to people in other generations as it is now revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: 6 the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and partners of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. 7 I was made a servant of this gospel according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the operation of his power. 8 This grace was given to me—the least of all the saints—to proclaim to the Gentiles the incalculable riches of Christ, 9 and to shed light for all about the administration of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things. 10 This is so that God's multi-faceted wisdom may now be made known through the church to the rulers and authorities in the heavens. 11 This is according to his eternal purpose accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. 12 In him we have boldness and confident access through faith in him. 13 So then I ask you not to be discouraged over my afflictions on your behalf, for they are your glory.

STUDY OUTLINE: THE DIVINE MYSTERY

1. Gift (vv. 1–5)	2. Grace (vv. 6–9)	3. Gravity (vv. 10–13)
• Revealed by God to Paul • Revealed to us through apostles & prophets • Faithful stewardship	• Fellow heirs with Christ • Members of the one body • Partners of gospel promise	• Displays God's wisdom • Develops holy boldness • Delivers in times of trial

Inductive Discovery & Personal Response

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1. Gift of the Mystery (vv. 1–5)

• Paul describes this mystery as made known through revelation (v. 3). How does viewing the gospel as a divine gift rather than human discovery foster true humility?

• Paul calls his ministry an "administration" or stewardship of God's grace (v. 2). What does it mean for us today to be faithful stewards of this message?

2. Grace of the Mystery (vv. 6–9)

• Verse 6 says believers are *coheirs*, *members of the same body*, and *partners of the promise*. How do these three truths assure you of your complete belonging in Christ?

• Paul saw himself as "the least of all the saints" (v. 8). How does God's grace encourage you when you feel inadequate to share Christ with others?

3. Gravity of the Mystery (vv. 10–13)

• God makes His wisdom known even to heavenly authorities through the church (v. 10). What gives us "boldness and confident access" as we approach God in prayer (v. 12)?

• Why does Paul urge the believers not to lose heart over his afflictions (v. 13)? How does God's eternal plan help deliver us from discouragement during trials?

PART 4: PERSONAL RESPONSE ("I WILL" COMMITMENT)

My Step of Faith: In light of this passage, this week I will:

Sharing the Gospel: I will share the incalculable riches of Christ this week with:

PART 5: GUIDED CORPORATE PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

1. Stewardship (vv. 1–5)	2. Grace (vv. 6–9)	3. Gravity (vv. 10–13)
Ask God for a humble heart to steward and protect the truth of the gospel in our daily lives.	Praise God for the rich gift of being coheirs and full members in Christ's body through faith.	Pray for boldness in prayer and deliverance from discouragement during seasons of trial and difficulty.