

3. We're building the _____ which makes known the manifold _____ of God to the rulers and authorities in the spiritual realms (3:10)



Hope for Everyone Proclaimed

Ephesians 3:7-13

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Christmas is the Good News about hope for everyone, found only in Christ. And that hope is meant to be shared. This Christmas, there are folks all around us who desperately need to hear the hope of the Gospel, but we don't always share it. Here in Ephesians 3 we learn that Paul's passionate excitement to share the Gospel flowed from his deep understanding of the Gospel. The same will be true for us.

When we share the Gospel, hope for everyone, at Christmas time or anytime, here is what is really happening:

4. We're participating in God's _____ realized in Christ (3:11)

1. We're proclaiming the _____ of Christ (3:8)

2. We're bringing to light God's long hidden _____ of Christ (3:9)



NEXT WEEK

Hope for Everyone Internalized

Ephesians 3:14-21



Hope for Everyone Proclaimed

Ephesians 3:8-13

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Growth Groups are the glue which holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org.

This year, our aim is to see our Growth Groups embody together our 3-fold identity as followers of Jesus: Family, Servant, and Missionary. To that end, we're framing our Growth Group Interaction Guide to help groups move in that direction.

Connecting Together

Take some time to share with one another some of your own treasured traditions of Christmas.

Digging into God's Word & the Message Together

1. How did you come under God's Word in the message this week? How did God speak to you this week? What truth did you need to hear again or for the first time in this message?
2. Read Ephesians 3:1-14 together. What is the focus in 3:1-7? By contrast, what is the focus in 3:8-14?
3. Paul can't help talking about what he's excited about. What do you talk about when you are excited?
4. Paul says something radical and mind blowing about the church in Ephesians 3:10. What is it and what in the world does it mean?

5. Which of the 4 ways that Paul describes sharing the Gospel is most challenging to you personally?

6. **Your Growth Group as a Family:** As we approach Christmas, take some time to reflect and encourage one another with ways you've been blessed by your diverse, but united Growth Group family this Fall.

7. **Your Growth Group as a Servant/Missionary:** Ephesians 3:10 makes clear that we don't just share our faith with our words, but also by how we love and live with one another in the church. In other words, your Growth Group is a Gospel light, not to be hidden, but to be shared. How are you showing your Growth Group Gospel light to those outside your Growth Group? How can you shine brighter?

Praying Together

- Pray for a deeper understanding of the Gospel that will lead to a greater excitement for the Gospel that will lead to more sharing of the Gospel.
- Pray for anyone in your circle who needs to hear and know the "Hope for Everyone" this Christmas. Pray for opportunities to share that hope.