

THE ANATOMY OF
grace

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lifegroup

study guide

Prayer: Open in prayer asking for the Holy Spirit to lead you as you meet and discuss grace, diversity and your unique contribution to the Church.

Icebreaker: What would you do with a “time out” from your weekly routine?

1. **Read Ephesians 3:3-9.** Paul uses his “time out” in prison to fathom the “mystery of Christ” and write letters. What is that mystery?
2. In unveiling this mystery, which part is played by Grace? By the Church? By Paul?
3. What is your own unique role of contribution to making Christ known?

4. Paul’s intense desire was to make Christ known. What kinds of people might feel awkward in our church? What can you do to break down those barriers and embrace diversity?
5. **Read Ephesians 3:10.** Why is important to break down barriers that exist in the Church?
6. What is the “Manifold wisdom of God” that should be made known?
7. Where does the unifying gospel (v.6) challenge you: e.g., issues of racism? Diversity? Missions? Concerns for the poor and elderly?

Weekly Memory Verse:

Romans 12:12. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. (NIV)