

Text: Ephesians 3:1-13

Topics: Body of Christ, Plan of God, Stewardship
Ephesians: When Faith is Strong, But the Fire Isn't

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What a Plan!

I. The Plan Revealed (1-7)

God's plan has long been to make everyone in the body of Christ equal recipients.

II. The Plan Released (8-13)

God enables us to carry out His great plan through the church, which reveals His great wisdom to all creation.

What's my part in God's eternal plan?

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. Can you think of a time when you were really discouraged with the Christian life? What caused the discouragement, and how did you respond?

2. Read Matthew 20:1-16. What is your initial reaction to the parable? Why?

What is the subject, and in what verse do you see it?

What does the parable say about the subject, and in what verse(s)? (For further study, see Jonah 4:1-3)

Did the parable reveal something about your attitude toward others? Explain.

What might the attitude of verses 12-14 look like in the church?

3. There are many reasons people get discouraged ("lose heart") in the Christian life. What reasons for discouragement do you see in the following verses, and what reasons are given to be encouraged?

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Luke 18:1-8

Galatians 6:7-10

4. What is the main application of this study, and/or Ephesians 3:1-13 and the sermon, for you?