

Study Guide Questions – 3/20/16
The Mystery of the Gospel (Ephesians 3:1-13)
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Please don't feel obligated to answer each of these questions. Answer the questions that seem to be most helpful to your group, time permitting.

Read Ephesians 3:1-13 and Pray for the Spirit's illumination and guidance as you meditate on his Word together.

1. Paul talks about being a steward of the gospel which lead us to ask, What are some of the ways Christians are called to promote the gospel? Do you sense that God is growing you in a particular aspect(s) more than others, so as to become a better steward? Why is it important to remember the other aspects as He does so?

We are involved in promoting the gospel through:

- 1 Prayer
- 2 Financial Partnership
- 3 Good Deeds
- 4 Godly Lives
- 5 Public Worship
- 6 Daily Conversation

2. Was Paul just being self-deprecating in his suggestion that he is (not he was) "the very least of all the saints?" Why or How could he say that?

3. In What way is the gospel a "mystery?"

4. Put yourself in the position of a Jew...why was this "gospel" that Paul was teaching such a big deal? In what way is the church a "showroom?" (illust: log cabins)

5. What comes to mind as you think about Paul's description of the angels in heaven looking into this mystery as its been revealed? (illust: graduate school for angels).

6. In what way was Paul's suffering for the churches for their glory?