

CONGDON STREET BAPTIST CHURCH/YOUNG ADULT'S CLASS

Ephesians 3: 1-13

“A Detective Story” (New Revelation In Christ)

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Aim's - - - Students Should Know That:

1. God's salvation plan was not fully revealed in the Old Testament (although the Jews were God's chosen people, salvation was for the Gentiles, too); and in the New Testament God's family was increased (non Jewish believers) for all who believed and accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.
2. As a result of people coming to Jesus Christ there was equality, unity, and togetherness between Jew and Gentile and all races, as the Church unites all believers through the redeeming work of God through His Son.
3. Christians need to model Paul who felt unworthy to share the Gospel of Christ, especially on his own limited power; however, he was confident in the Grace of God, who gave him the power to carry out this commission.

Discussion Topics:

- Many biblical characters felt unworthy and powerless when called by God. Why is humility and God's Grace so important?
- Why does the bible say that faith without works is dead; and what does it mean to have living faith?
- Why is it the responsibility of every believer to share their faith, versus being a closet Christian?

Biblical Journey:

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| I. Not a Mystery When You Know the Plan | Ephesians 3: 1-5 |
| II. Together as One | Ephesians 3: 6 |
| III. A Servant of the Gospel | Ephesians 3: 7-13 |

Q & A

1. *“Paul's mission was primarily to preach the Gospel to what people?”*

2. *Gentiles were considered anyone who is what?*

3. *The Gentiles and Jews would become what?*

4. *How did Paul feel about being chosen to preach to the Gentiles?*

5. *Every Christian should be a what?”*

6. What did the Holy Spirit reveal to you through this lesson?

I learned that:

“...Ministry is not confined or limited to certain officers in the church, but it is commanded of every believer. Young or old, believers have the responsibility to share their faith and the Good News of salvation with as many people as possible.”

Paul did not feel worthy or capable of doing this ministry, but humbled himself and relied on God's grace to accomplish the task that God gave him to do.