

## Ephesians Introduction

### Reminders

- ***Ephesians Devotional Guides Now Available***

Don't forget to pick up your Ephesians Devotional Guide. To make your reading easier to keep up with, we have included a bookmark that includes a reading schedule so make sure to grab that as well.

- ***Walk for Life***

Fundraiser for Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County. To be held on the walking track at Crisis Pregnancy Center (800 Robinson Road, Gastonia, NC) on Sept 9th from 4:00-8:00 PM. The CPC seeks to save lives by Christian counseling for pregnant women to encourage completion of the pregnancy and spiritual counseling to offer an opportunity to make a decision for Christ. Funds will help to supply pregnancy tests, baby food, formula, diapers, wipes, etc.

Exodus Church will be there handing out water bottles and showing our support for this cause.

- ***Exodus Baptism***

If you are a follower of Christ and have never celebrated through baptism, we will be having believers baptisms on September 11. Contact an Elder or your Community Group Leader to sign up.

- ***Money Matters Class***

- **When:** Friday, Sep. 23 6-9pm and Saturday, Sep. 24 9am-Noon
- **Where:** The Overflow Space
- **Cost:** \$10.00 per person
- **Childcare:** Provided at no additional charge
- **How to Register:** Register on the City

As Christians, we learn how we ought to conduct our lives primarily through God's word. Many times, however, we pick and choose the pieces we want to hear and apply, missing out on the rewards that follow faithful obedience. The topic of money is both exceedingly relevant in our daily lives as well as frequently discussed in the Bible. Please join us for our Money Matters class as we begin to explore what the Bible says about money. Food and childcare will be provided. If you have any questions please send them to [finances@theexoduschurch.org](mailto:finances@theexoduschurch.org). Please join us, investing in life-changing knowledge of the truth.

- **\*Are there people in your group who are not yet serving? If so, ask the group, "What are some hurdles to serving at Exodus?" Encourage them to serve.**

### Remember

What are some things you are learning during our study of Ephesians?

### Read Ephesians 3:1-13

What stands out to you from the passage? Anything from the Sermon?

### Deepen

Revealed Mystery - vv. 1-6

- Paul speaks of his being a prisoner on behalf of the Gentiles. We see the beginning of this in Acts 22. Read through Acts 22:1-30. Look for Paul's Story and for what set off the crowd leading to his imprisonment.
- Paul speaks about things being hidden, but now revealed. How does 1 Peter 1:10-12 give more light to this passage?
- Talk about Ephesians 3:6. Since we are Gentiles, these things are true of us if we have faith in Jesus. List "these things." What should be our response to these things?

### Redeemed Minister - vv. 7-9

- Look back at Acts 22. What are some things you see about Paul's retelling of his salvation experience?
- How does Paul's description of himself in Ephesians shed light on that experience?
- Paul lists two parts of his ministry in vv. 8-9: preaching to Gentiles and helping everyone (including Jews) understand the mystery of the church (that Jew and Gentile are one in Christ). Which do you think would be more challenging? Why?

### Regal Mission - vv. 10-12

- When you think about the church, do you think about it having a regal mission? Why or Why not?
- Paul says that God's manifold wisdom is seen through the church. How does this happen?
- When you read v. 12, what privilege stands out to you as most important to you right now?

### **Transform**

When you look at v. 12 and what the gospel of Jesus gets us, what stands out to you?

So, the Church is a demonstration of God's manifold wisdom and our manifold brokenness. How can we hold these in tension? Why must we?