

## Ephesians 3:1-6

## For the week of November 19, 2023

## Reading the Text:

- 1. What was the big idea of Ephesians 2:19-22 from last week?
- 2. What is the mystery Paul is referring to? In what way is he using the term "mystery"? How is it a mystery in the way your group previously defined?
- 3. Verses 3-4 contain two of Paul's uses of the word "mystery". How did Paul share his insights of the mystery with the Ephesians? What did they "do" to understand the mystery? (Consider vv. 3b & 4a)
- 4. What does it mean that the Gentiles are now "fellow heirs", "members of the same body", and "partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus..."? What is Paul communicating by his use of each of these phrases?
- 5. How would you restate the big idea of the Ephesians 3:1-6 in your own words?

## Living It Out:

- 1. At RCC, we use the term "First Hander" to describe someone who seeks to hear from God directly through His Word. Do you think Paul supports this idea? Why or why not? In what ways could it more productive to be a "First Hander" than to rely on hearing from God "Second Hand", "Third Hand", or even further?
- 2. Has there been a time in your life when reading Scripture changed the way you think about a specific attribute of the character of God? What was the truth, and what was that experience like?
- 3. When you think of the term "radical unity", what ideas come to mind? What does this kind of unity look like? How can we as a Life Group encourage each other to pursue this kind of unity in the faith?

