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session page

The Mystery of Ministry

Ephesians 3:1-12 | Session 10.01

Before the Session

- Have the Bible Background Video ready to view.
- Review today's scripture text and the session activities to help better facilitate the discussion.
- Encourage your group to listen to the Faithelement podcast ahead of the next session (Share the link via email or social media).
- Find web links for underlined items on this session's webpage at faithelement.net.

Context

Play the [Food for thought movie clip](#) (you may not need the entire movie clip depending on how you wish to lead the discussion) and ask:

- What causes us to be attracted to mysteries and the solving of those mysteries?
- How might one best demonstrate the deductive powers of a great detective?
- How frightened or impressed are the leaders in that movie clip and why?
- What are some mysteries you desire to be solved?

Content

Read [Ephesians 3:1-12](#), then watch the Bible Background Video.

Ask questions like:

- Why is Paul in prison?
- What did it have to do with the concept of God's grace and Paul's proclamation of it?
- What mystery now being revealed is Paul talking about and why is it being revealed now?
- What were the original hearers supposed to do with this mystery of grace?
- Why does Paul claim to be called by God and what did he do to earn this calling?
- If we are called by the same grace of God that Paul experienced, what is our call?
- Why does Paul feel his sufferings were worth it?

Closure

Play [God's mysterious ways](#) and ask:

- What are some divine mysteries we cannot solve as finite beings?
- How should we handle such mysteries?
- What do you think of the statement "I'm mysterious. Live with it!"?
- What does mystery add to our experience of faith?
- If we serve a God that is so powerful and full of grace, how can we continue this year to live with that grace?

Close in prayer.

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