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## The Mystery of Ministry

Ephesians 3:1-12 | Session 10.01

### Before the Session

- Review today's scripture text and the session activities to help better facilitate the discussion.
- Provide pens and paper for the group.
- Print on handouts this version of Ephesians 3:6: "This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus."
- Have the Bible Background Video ready to view.
- 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](http://faithelement.net).

### Context

Read aloud Ephesians 3:1-12 then share the Bible Background Video.

*This reflection looks at the mystery of God's grace through the lens of current events.*

## Reflection

Give each person a handout, a pen and a piece of paper. Encourage the group to reflect on the focal verse, developing a paraphrase of what they hear Paul saying to the Jews and Gentiles who were two disparate groups.

Show each of the following Youtube videos twice, while encouraging the group to note the feelings and thoughts that surface as they watch:

- "TRENDING: 10 Conflicts That World Must End For A Peaceful 2017"
- "World Humanitarian Day: UN pays tribute to people helping people around the globe"

After a few minutes of time for individuals to silently list the feelings and thoughts that were evoked by the videos, invite everyone to look at their notes and consider where God's voice or call might be heard on their pages.

Invite the group to a time of personal prayer, using the following prompts (with a pause between each):

- Share your thoughts and feelings with God.
- What, if anything, do you hear God saying to you? Spend a few moments listening for God.
- What, if anything, do you want to say to God in response?
- What invitation might you sense in God's part of the conversation with you?
- If you sense any invitation, what is your response?
- Spend a few moments just resting in God's presence.

Invite volunteers to share their reflections with the group, then close with prayer.

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