



Who Needs Church?

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Discussion Guide: Week 10

Lean In

- As a group, discuss and agree on what are the THREE greatest MYSTERIES of our world today. (e.g., Who killed Jimmy Hoffa, etc.)
- As an individual, what single question in life most mystifies you?

Look Around

- What do people you know who are UNchurched (have no meaningful connection) think about church? What might you say to them?
- What do people you know who are DEchurched (have walked away from it) think about church? What might you say to them?
- What do people you know who are UNDERchurched (have a weak or unsatisfying connection) think about church? What might you say to them?
- What do people you know who are OVERchurched (have grown tired or bored) think about church? What might you say to them?

Look Down

Read Ephesians 3¹*For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—*2*Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you,* 3*that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly.* 4*In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,* 5*which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets.* 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.*

⁷ I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰ His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹ according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- What phrase or idea stands out for you in this passage?
- What is the hardest idea for you to understand in this passage?
- What idea brings you the most comfort?

Look In

This week's Big Idea is: "Everyone and everything needs church"

Look Beyond

- What can you do this week to reach out to someone you know who is either unchurched, dechurched, underchurched, or overchurched?