

Hi Girl!

If you haven't caught it yet, Paul is all about church! I love his enthusiasm, and I love that we are doing this study because of our amazing Shadow Mountain Community Church! Make sure you're attending or watching church because you do not want to miss Pastor Jeremiah's message series on FORWARD!

As I read Ephesians, the words that come to mind are "wow, and double wow!!!" This chapter continues to shower us with abundance, purpose, stretching across all earthly timelines, connecting earth and heaven. And yup, Paul is saying all this while in prison!

### Building Blocks

1. The "mystery" Paul speaks of is defined in verse 6 - That through the gospel (Christ overcoming sin and death) the Gentiles are heirs with the Jew, now "members together in one body the church, and sharers together in the promise of Christ Jesus." (verse 6, NIV)
2. Paul reminds us that God is completely tuned-in to and at work through all eras of time, past, present, future, eternity. (verses 5, 9, 21)
3. Paul was Jewish (Galatians 1:13) but was called to preach Christ to the Gentiles. (verses 1,8)

### Tips

1. As I you observe the people and places, don't miss how Paul describes himself, and the people groups in verse 5,6,14 (NKJV), the "sons of men", apostles, prophets, Gentiles, and family. Observe / list what you learn about Paul and these people groups.
2. God is incredibly at work through the church! What do you learn about the church and God's relationship with the church?
3. There are So many incredible key and repeating words/phrases in this chapter and many are summed up in the last verse...Him who is able, exceedingly abundantly, all, power, glory, the church, forever!

There is power in God's Word! As you read and listen to Ephesians chapter 3 over and over during the week, include these resources to enrich your meditation, pulling precious truths to think about and apply each day.

[Ephesians Bible Project Video](#)

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week 9 Deb-Talk [Ephesians chapter 3](#) (12 minutes)

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