

Ephesians 3:1 Discussion Questions

Please feel free to use the questions below for group discussion or individual study and reflection after listening to the audio and reading the notes. We trust the Holy Spirit will guide you in how to use them effectively. Please let us know if there are other resources or ways we can support you. Thank you for joining us on this journey and for pursuing truth.

1. What is the “reason” Paul refers to in verse one?
2. Paul writes that Jews and Gentiles have built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit (2:22). How did this message cost him his freedom and later his life? (Gal. 2:7-9, Acts 21:17-22:30)
3. Ceasar was on the throne over the Roman Empire at the time of Paul’s imprisonment. Why did he say he was a prisoner of Christ Jesus?

Put yourself in Paul’s shoes. Do you see difficult circumstances as opportunity for God’s glory? How could such a perspective impact your life?

4. Paul says he was a prisoner for the sake of the Gentiles. How did his imprisonment turn out to benefit the Gentiles?

Digging Deeper:

Paul was a prisoner at Philippi before he was in Caesar’s custody at the writing of Ephesians. How does this imprisonment in Acts 16:11-40 impact what he shared with his readers in Philippians? (Philippians 1:20-24, 2:13, 3:7-9, 4:4-9)