

October 28, 2018

"What's the Plan?"

Ephesians 1:9-12

Ice Breaker:

Share a mystery you discovered.

What was the best treasure hunt you have ever been part of?

Study Questions: (READ Ephesians 1:9-12)

1. What insight, principle or observation did you find to be most fresh, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. Do you think the phrase at the end of verse 8, "in all wisdom and insight", should connect with verse 8 or verse 9 (remember verses 3-14 are all one long sentence in Greek.)
3. What do you think the 'mystery' is that God has now revealed? (verses 9,10) . (See also Romans 16:25-27)
4. God's plan does not always seem "kind". Share a time where you originally thought something was bad, but God weaved it into a good thing. (verse 9)
5. According to verse 10, "what is God's ultimate plan . . . goal?" (read also Philippians 2:9-11 and Colossians 1:19-20)
6. When do you think God's plan in Christ will come to complete fulfillment? When is the 'fulness of times' (verse 10) What difference should that make for us?
7. What is our inheritance? (verse 11)
8. In what way ought these truths give us cause to hope in Christ and praise His glory? (verse 12)

Pray for each other:

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Any casual observer of history has a right to wonder if the events in our world make any sense. The conflict . . . the polarization of opinion . . . the moral rise and decay . . . war and peace. Is any of this moving to a goal? What's the point? What's the plan?

1. The mystery (verse 9)

2. The point (verse 9)

3. The plan (verses 10,11)

4. The hope (verse 12)

Next Step:

In what way ought these truths give us cause to hope in Christ and praise His glory?