

SERMON NOTES

Date: July 19, 2020

Series: God's Riches

Title: Unity in Christ: Our Shared Ministry

Text: Ephesians 3:1-13

Big Idea: We are unified because, as recipients of Paul's ministry, we are also called to be used by God, understanding the mystery of God, to faithfully proclaim the riches and wisdom of God, even as we suffer with hope in God.

APPLICATION GUIDE

DISCUSS

What were Paul's current circumstances as he writes these words about his ministry?

Paul's joy does not rest in his circumstances but in his Savior and calling. Why do we often let our circumstances affect our joy?

APPLY THE TRUTH

In what ways has God called you to be used by him in spite of or in light of your circumstances?

How can you more effectively steward the grace God has given you for the sake of Christian unity and the glory of God? Think about your time, talents, gifts, resources, etc.

If someone picked up a Bible, read these verses, and asked you to explain the "mystery" that Paul is talking about, how would you explain it?

Name one unbeliever in your life that you can begin to pray for daily that God would allow you to build a relationship with them and evangelize them. Decide when you are going to pray and put it on the calendar or set a reminder.

What are you willing or unwilling to suffer for the sake of ministry? What are you ready to suffer for unity? What are you willing to suffer for the sake of lost souls, that they would be saved?

COMMIT THIS WEEK

How do you plan to search for the riches of Christ? How are you going to let the light of God's word bear on your heart and life this week?