



This is the second of four daily circles as the study of Ephesians and the book “*Ephesians: Building and Community in Christ*” by John Stott. On each of the days we will briefly complete:

- 1) Lesson Tasks: Study the scripture as it is illuminated in our targeted book
- 2) Circle Tasks: Reflect on one of four application principles: Upward, Inward, Downward and Outward
- 3) Inquiring Tasks: Do a little investigating that helps us keep thinking about the principles throughout our day

Lesson Tasks: Please complete Questions 4 and 5 and read the paragraph beginning “We need to realize...” in the Chapter “A New Ministry” *Ephesians: Building and Community in Christ* by John Stott. The apostle Paul used the word mystery 21 times in his Epistles. In most cases, the word is used to illuminate something now better understood. Please look over the scriptures below and state your understanding of the Mystery revealed.

Scripture	Mystery Revealed
Colossians 1:27	
I Timothy 3:16	
I Corinthians 2:7-14	
Colossians 2:2	



Circle Tasks: Every day we focus on one application: Upward, Inward, Downward and Outward. Today we reflect **Inward**—the ways in which what we have read applies to our relationship with the Lord:

- 1) Does your inability to comprehend fully the mysteries of God in any way curtail your faith? Do you find yourself cruising past difficult scriptures and concepts?

- 2) “God suffered this world of pain to secure eternal life for us sinners. The Son of Man conquered death, rose again and walked among us. The resurrected Lord began the eternal feast of heaven with his disciples in the upper room when he ate salted fish with them and showed off his battle scars. This is the mystery the world mocks, but it is the mystery the world also needs. It is the mystery too often lost even in the church”¹ In the day-to-day ups and downs in life, reflect here about whether you make time to remember what the Lord has suffered for us?

Inquiring Tasks:

- 1) A thought provoking devotional about [the Mysteries of God](#) from the folks at Deep Spirituality
- 2) The Moody Church, founded by [D.L. Moody](#) in 1864 has posted [a sermon series](#) on the Mysteries of God.

Tomorrow: Looking Downward

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