

## **Digging Deeper: Ephesians 3:1-6**

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### **Day 1**

Be sure to pray to ask God to help you learn from His Word. Get your journal to record your ideas and findings. Read Ephesians 3:1-6. Why was Paul a prisoner? Check out Acts 28:16-31. If for some reason you found yourself in prison, what would you miss most about your current lifestyle? Write these things down. Be grateful and thank God for these things.

### **Day 2**

In a quiet place without distractions, settle your mind and spirit and read Ephesians 3:1-6. Even though Paul was under arrest, he believed that God was in control of all that happened to him. In these crazy times and circumstances, do you ever wonder if God has lost control of this world? Check out Romans 8:28. Also, read Proverbs 19:21, Joshua 1:9 and Ephesians 1:11. What can you do with God's help to achieve peace during these stressful challenging times? See 2 Timothy 1:6-7.

### **Day 3**

Pray and ask God how He wants you to love and support your neighbors and friends. Read Ephesians 3:1-6. How did the Jews and the Gentiles get along with each other during this time in human history after Jesus was killed on the cross? What are some different groups in our current culture that are refusing to get along with each other?

### **Day 4**

As you pray, who does Jesus want you to connect with today? Call them or send an encouraging word. Read Ephesians 3:1-6. What mystery or plan is Paul talking about in verses 4-6? See Ephesians 1:9-10. Also, check out Revelation 7:9-11. What do we need to do to authentically get along with each other, the way Jesus wants us to? See Ephesians 4:1-3.

### **Day 5**

Pray and ask Jesus how He wants you to learn from His Word today. Read Ephesians 3:1-6. Jesus came from the Jewish family line of King David, to complete the many prophecies of the Old Testament. Part of the mystery being discussed here is an unexpected aspect not previously known: the equality under Jesus that Gentiles had with Jews in the church, one body as a church. Jews and Gentiles were adversarial people groups in Jesus' day and did not normally get along. See Romans 15:9-12. It was shocking to many that they would come into a unity with Gentiles and Jews on equal footing with God; it was very unexpected.

### **Day 6**

Reflect and discuss with Jesus and the Holy Spirit about the past days of the week and how you can apply what you learned this week for His glory. One last time, read Ephesians 3:1-6. Who do you need to pray for? Call a friend and talk about your findings and what you've written in your journal.