

Review:

Lesson 1: The Family of God

Lesson 2: Eyes to See

Lesson 3: Our Story

Lesson 4: Overcoming Division

The Great Mystery

Ephesians 3:1-13

God's grand plans for this world always include details for implementation by His people. We are not responsible for the plan, nor for the outcome. We are responsible merely for our own _____.

Discussion 1. When God moves in this world, He usually does it through people. Why is that an important concept for Christ followers to learn and remember?

Though it would not become apparent until many centuries later, God's plan to reconcile this broken world to Himself would include anyone and everyone who genuinely desired a _____ with Him.

Discussion 2. Can you think of an example of having your mind radically changed about some spiritual truth, i.e., a spiritual belief of yours that was completely and thoroughly changed? Did it happen gradually or all at once? What (or who) did God use to change your mind?

The role of the church is not just to reveal the mystery of the gospel message to the rest of the world; it is to bear this testimony to the spiritual world as well. Think about that: angels and demons learn about salvation through _____.

Discussion 3. Which truth makes a bigger impact on how you live: that the rest of the world relies on the Church to teach it about salvation, or that the angels and demons rely on the Church to teach them about salvation?

Our most discouraging circumstances in this life all pale in importance in the light of God's _____ of reconciling this broken world to Himself. As Christ followers, we must never lose sight of our role in that purpose.

Discussion 4. When you have gone through difficult circumstances, what (or who) helped you keep your spiritual focus? Why is that important?