

We Are Servants

"For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—

²Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. ⁴In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. ⁶This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

*⁷I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power."
Ephesians 3:1-7*

The DASH – Paul is distracted by his own **enthusiasm**.

He is enthusiastic about the '**mysterion**.'

*"In New Testament usage, a mystery is still hidden and secret, but only temporarily, and in time is revealed by God so that it can be known and understood. In numerous instances the word mystery can almost be a synonym for '**revelation**.'"*

The mystery has become **known** and was always meant to be known.

I Corinthians 2: 7

The Big Question: Why and how does God **hide**?

The Big Answer: 'Hidden-ness' was not God's original **plan**.

He always hid so that He could **be found**.

Ephesians 3: 7 - Paul is a **servant** to the mystery.

Ephesians 3: 10 - It's God's intent that the **Church** is to be a servant to the mystery.

Being a servant is not about '**menial tasks**', but instead about the mystery.

John 13: 3 – 4 Jesus – the ultimate servant.

Small Group Questions

1. How is the Greek 'mysterion' different from 'mystery?'
2. How are you with the 'hidden-ness' of God?
3. Do you remember when you 'found' the 'hidden' God?
4. What are some additional instances of God revealing Himself in the Old Testament?
5. What does 'serving' look like in light of serving the mystery?