

Psalm 16; Ephesians 3:7-13; Mark 13:1-13

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Notes

Memory Verse: *"By God's grace and mighty power, I have been given the privilege of serving him by spreading this Good News."* - Ephesians 3:7

Next Week's Verses: Psalm 93; Ephesians 3:14-21; Mark 13:24-37

Digging Deeper



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Talk Topics

From N.T. Wright:
This passage poses an important challenge for the church: Are our churches, in the sort of life they lead, posing the kind of challenge to the power of evil which provokes a reaction?

Is there another person who has hurt you deeply?
How does embracing what Jesus did on the cross empower you to forgive them?
How could you seek to pursue reconciliation with them?

What is one thing that God is calling us to believe or do as a result of hearing today's message?

Joining Jesus on His Mission

Discuss these with your family or missional community this week.

- How did you see God at work in your life this week?
- What has God been teaching you in His Word?
- What kind of conversations are you having with your pre-Christian friends?
- What good can you do around here?
- How can we help you in prayer?

Further Study and Discussion throughout the week

Use the following passages and questions to explore additional Biblical insights about your heart.

Monday-Friday—Ephesians 3:8-13

Who has God placed in our lives that we can share the Good News with? Paul sees his task as a gift. Do you feel the same way?

How does the thought of sharing your faith with others make you feel? In your own words, summarize the Gospel story with a friend.

How can the church continue to express God's wisdom in our world? Why do you think Paul mentions this is meant to be expressed to rulers and authorities in heavenly places?

This seems like a tall order, but Paul assures us that we have every confidence and access to God through the Messiah. Why is confidence and assurance important aspects of faith?

If you could ask God for anything, what would it be? King Solomon asked for wisdom. Why? Based on these passages, how is our calling like that of Solomon's?

Saturday—Spend the day praying for a deeper understanding of how the church is called to reveal God's wisdom in the world where there are forces of darkness at work that prefer power, control, and self-preservation. How does Jesus show us how to do this?