

Ephesians 3:6a Discussion Questions

Please feel free to use the questions below for group discussion or individual study and reflection after listening to the audio and reading the notes. We trust the Holy Spirit will guide you in how to use them effectively. Please let us know if there are other resources or ways we can support you. Thank you for joining us on this journey and for pursuing truth.

1. In the recording, Bob points out the magnitude of wrong teaching Paul himself had to unlearn (Philippians 3:4). Do you ever feel like you have a lot to unlearn? How has God revealed this truth to you? How has Paul's story encouraged you in this area?

2. What has God revealed in His word to the Jews concerning His plan for the Gentiles? The following passages provide insight.

Genesis 12:3, 22:17, 26:4, 28:14

Psalm 22:27

Isaiah 11:10, 42:1, 42:6, 49:6, 60:1-3

Jeremiah 3:17

Daniel 7:14

Hosea 2:23

Joel 2:28

3. In what way does Matt. 23:15 convey what Jews thought about Gentiles being saved? What was the Jewish perspective of Gentiles in the first century? (Matt. 15:22-28, John 4:9)

4. What in Paul's testimony from Acts 22 caused the Jews to get worked up enough to want to kill him?

5. Compare the Jewish idea of how Gentiles fit into God's plan versus what Paul reveals in Ephesians 2:11-3:13 of them as "*fellow heirs*" with the Jews (Eph. 3:6) and being built together into one "*dwelling of God in the Spirit*" (Eph. 2:21-22).

Digging Deeper:

Take time to read all six chapters of Ephesians as context for approaching the middle of the book.