

Elgin Evangelical Free Church - January 15, 2023

Lessons in Divine Motivation Ephesians 3:1-4

I. The Personal Ownership of God—3:1

Two big questions?

- A. WHY AM I HERE? For the sake of Christ!
- B. WHAT AM I DOING? Participating in Christ's Plan!
- II. The Gracious Plan of God—3:2-6
  - A. Paul, you are a Steward 3:2-4
  - B. Paul, you are a Steward of the MYSTERY 3:5-6

- III. The Immense Privilege of God—3:7-9
  - A. Entirely Undeserved Job
  - B. Unapproachably Great Message

Life Group Questions
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Discussion: What motivates you as a Christian?

- 1. What was God's plan for Paul in verses 1-3?
- 2. Paul reveals the mystery of Christ in verses 4-6. What is the mystery of Christ?
- 3. As a Gentile, what does verse 6 mean to you?
- 4. Why do you think Paul calls himself "the very least of all the saints" in verse 8? See 1 Corinthians 15:9
- 5. What are some of the reasons we think we are the least of all the saints?
- 6. Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. How do these verses speak to us when we think we are the least of the saints?

7. According to verses 8-9, what did Paul see as his purpose in life?
8. What do you think your purpose in life is according to the gospel? After you answer the question, read 2 Corinthians 5:18-20. What does this mean for you when you feel like "the least of the saints"?
What new insight or application have you gained from this passage?