

Sermon-Based Discussion

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BIBLE PASSAGES

Ephesians 3:7-13

7Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. **8**To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, **9**and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in^b God, who created all things, **10**so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. **11**This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, **12**in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. **13**So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

James 1:5-7

5If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. **6**But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. **7**For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; **8**he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Acts 4:13

13Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

Group Discussion & Life Challenge

Use these notes as discussion prompts for your group, or in your personal time with God.

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

Dive into God's Word. Use these discussion questions. Learn from each other's insight.

1) Bryce discussed the boldness and confidence that we have access to through faith. How would you describe your approach to God in this season of your life on a scale of 1-10? 1 = fear and avoidance, and 10 = being bold.

2) What would you say has not hurt your confidence in going to God, or what could hurt?

3) Share your thoughts on how believers should approach God.

4) What was the idea behind this from Paul? Why was Paul so passionate in these passages about us understanding this?

5) How does this fit with what Paul started talking about in the beginning of Chapter 3? If there is time, share your thoughts on this: If this access is part of the promise, where should we be more bold and confident? Where should this boldness show up, and where should there be less as followers of Jesus?

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS