

# Sermon Discussion Guide

*Do Not Lose Heart*

Ephesians 3:1–2,7–13

1. What stood out to you from the sermon?
2. How does the passage demonstrate Paul's awareness of God's sovereignty in his trials? How has knowing that God is sovereign over all things—including your trials—helped you in difficult circumstances?
3. How does the passage demonstrate Paul's awareness that he's a recipient of grace for both salvation and service? Do you view yourself as a steward of the gifts God has given you? How would that perspective change the way you approach the various roles and responsibilities the Lord has given you?
4. How important is the Church in God's plan? What is God's purpose for the Church?
5. In verse 12 Paul says believers have bold access to God the Father. What is the basis for our access? Do you approach God in prayer *with confidence*? Why or why not?