



This week our Sunday morning service had more of an all-in family feel. We spent time in chapter 3 as Paul spoke of the importance of the church in God's plan for his world.

We split the chapter in 2 halves:

**v11-10: Looking Back: The mystery of the church that people beforehand longed to know**

Paul talks about the God's plan as being a **mystery** (something that was unknown but has now been revealed) – as the Gentiles and Jewish people are joined together in a new family a watching world and the powers and authorities look on in amazement.

- Why is the local church such an important part of God's plan for his world?

**v11-21: Looking Ahead The job of the church so that future generations will know**

Paul now prays for them (remember the actions?!)

He prays for **power** that (1) Jesus would be increasingly at home in them and that (2) they would understand more of the extraordinary **love** that God, in Christ, has for them. This then will lead them to a **maturity**.

- What might the power, love and maturity practically look like in a Christian who is growing in these areas?