

THE THRILLING MYSTERY OF CHURCH MINISTRY

Ephesians 3:1-13

Paul's Excited Excursus *(3:1-13)*

What Was So Exciting About Paul's Ministry?

It was a _____ from God *(3:2; 1 Pt. 4:10)*

It was for the _____ of others *(3:1-2)*

It was focused on the _____ (Gospel) of Christ *(3:3-9)*

It was by God's specific _____ *(3:7-8; Col. 1:29; 1 Tim. 1:12-13)*

The Exciting Reality of God's Activity through the Church

What's exciting is what God is _____ in the world *(3:11; 1:12)*

The ministry of the Church is _____ to God's plan for the world and history *(3:10; 1 Pt. 1:12; Lk. 15:10)*

Applying the Bible to Life

- In what ways do Christians treat the Church as something that's "optional" in their lives? Does God view it as optional?
- How would sharing Paul's high view of the Church help you sustain your ministry in / through the Church? How can it help you endure the suffering and challenges involved in ministry?