

**A Mystery to Share**

Ephesians 3:1-13

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Introduction: Here's the good news: God has always had a plan. There's never been a time in history (or even before history) where God languished in heaven thinking, "Ok, what am I going to do next?" His ways have been established from eternity. But here's the daunting news: humanly speaking, His plan depends on us. All of us. Not just a few individuals doing their own thing, but the church working together as a body.

The Church's Role in God's Plan**.01****02.****03.**

1. "For *this* reason," the Apostle Paul says in Eph. 3:1, he became a prisoner of Jesus. For *what* reason does he refer to?
2. The gospel itself doesn't demand anything; technically, it is news about what God has done in Christ, and the only thing a person can do with news is *receive* it. But should the gospel illicit a response from us? Explain your answer.
3. What does it mean to live "in step with the truth of the gospel" (Gal.2:14)?
4. Why does Paul say he is "the least of all the saints" (Eph. 3:8)?
5. What does it mean to be simultaneously both sinner and saint?
6. In what way is disciple-making a community exercise? How are you contributing to the disciple-making ministry of Northpoint?