



Life Group Work Sheet
Ephesians 3:1-13
Ministry is Worth the Sacrifice

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Getting to Know Each Other

1. Have you ever had to make a sacrifice before? Did you ever have to give up something that you enjoyed or valued for something greater? What did you give up? What did you give it up for?

Part 2 - Application

2. **Read Ephesians 3:1.** When we face hardship, why is it important for us to remember that God is in charge? How is this an encouragement for us?

- a. Ministry necessitates sacrifice. What are some ways that you have sacrificed for the good of ministry?
- b. What are some ways that you plan on sacrificing for the church as a whole? For your campus? For the other campus?
- c. We are each gifted by God with different talents and strengths. Write down 3 different strengths or gifts God has given you. What are the ministries that God could use these gifts and strengths in?

3. **Read Ephesians 3:8 .** Have you ever felt inadequate to serve in the ministry of the church? What does this passage tell us? How does it encourage us?
4. **Read Ephesians 3:9-10.** How would you define the purpose of the church? How does that compare with the purpose listed here? How is that different than the way the world defines the purpose of the church?
5. **Read Ephesians 3:13.** Encouragement is crucial in order not to lose heart in ministry. What are the ways that you can be sure to remain encouraged? Write down the names of 2-3 people you can encourage this week in their ministry.

ENCOURAGEMENT

Part 3 - Digging Deeper

Serving in the church in whatever role (from setting up down in Spencer all the way to being on the Leadership Board) can often be a thankless role. Scripture tells us to encourage those around us in their faith, while at the same time it encourages us.

This week, write 3-5 different notes of encouragement for those who are in ministry around you. They can be for someone in leadership or someone who is often not thanked for what they do. Be sure to include a verse from Ephesians that has encouraged you in our time working through this book.