

Ekklesia: Kneel

Week of May 23: Ephesians 3:14-21

Observation

1. Read Ephesians 3:1-21. What do you notice as you read?
2. Paul writes “for this reason” twice in this passage (in verse 1 and 14). What is the reason in each of these cases?

Observation: What does it say?

1. What do you notice about the text?
Things to look for:
 - repeating words and phrases
 - Answers to the questions: who, what, when, where and how?
 - contrasts and comparisons
 - similes and metaphors (images used in the text)
 - cause and effect relationships
 - details regarding: time, geography, place, people, action in the text
 - grammar
 - larger themes in the passage
 - key words and themes
2. What questions do you have?

Interpretation

1. What is this mystery that Paul is talking about?

What role does Paul have in administering or stewarding this mystery? What role does the church have in this?

2. What does Paul mean by God's power in verses 14-20? Why is this power needed?

Interpretation

The goal here is to answer questions raised by the text and to get at the central message of the passage itself.

What did the text mean for the original audience?

How might you summarize the central point of the passage?

Application

1. In Ephesians 3 Paul is clear as to what his calling is. What do you think your calling is in this season of your life? How do you know?
2. What topics do you find yourself praying about most often? What motivates you to pray?

Suggestion for Prayer

Pray for each other as we live out God's calling to us.