Summerlink Week 6, 11 August 2021: Ephesians 3:1–13

God's concern for all peoples in the church

Interview

Introduction

- To see or not to see

  - '…in the heavenly places' (1:3, 1:20, 2:6, 3:10; 6:12)

Group Discussion

1. We Zimbabweans tend to see an unseen spiritual reality behind everything…even behind missing our bus after we chose to sleep in on a cold winter morning! How Zimbabwean are you? To what extent do you live with an awareness of an unseen spiritual reality beyond what you can see with your eyes?

2. Imagine for a moment that a new high-powered public telescope had been installed at Greenwich park, so high-tech that it could pierce through the physical realm and show you what was actually true in the heavens. How much would you be willing to pay for one minute of viewing?

Talk

- Don’t lose heart

- Know God's mystery now revealed: salvation for all peoples (v1–7)

- See God’s wisdom now displayed: all peoples united in the church (v8–13)

Group Discussion and Prayer

1. Why is seeing what’s true of the church in the heavenly places crucial for rightly appreciating:
   a) God and his concern for all peoples in Christ?

   b) the church in God’s plan of salvation?

2. As you look at what surrounds you in London, why is seeing what’s true of the church in the heavenly places crucial for living tomorrow?

3. How can we keep helping one another to see God’s manifold wisdom on display through the church and so to rightly value church and strengthen one another in the faith?