

## March 10—How the Church Reveals God's Wisdom

**Verses:** Ephesians 3:8-12

**Main Verse:** Ephesians 3:10

**Takeaway:** When in the church, God brings together those who are different to share the same joy in Jesus, his amazing wisdom shines brightly.

**Getting Started:** What are some things that shine brightly? What makes them shine so brightly?

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider (after **Reading:** Ephesians 3:8-12):

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Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses :

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An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God, and thank Him for the gift of His church. Thank Him that through faith in Jesus, people who are very different are able to come together. We come together to share joy in Jesus. Praise God that when we do, His amazing wisdom shines brightly. Ask Him to help you to learn more about Him as you grow, and to help you to learn to love Him and His people more each day.

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