

**Otisville Church of Christ**  
**Bible Study Guide for January 29-February 4, 2012**  
**Ephesians 3 / Zephaniah 3 / Luke 13:1-9**

**Sunday – Read Ephesians 3 and Luke 13:1-9**

1. What did you find most profitable in these scriptures? Why?
2. What did you find most profitable in today's sermons? Why?
3. How will you apply what you learned?

Prayer focus: For wisdom to understand God's word and to apply it to your life.

**Monday – Read Ephesians 3 (1-6)**

1. What is the "mystery" that Paul has made known?
2. How did he come to understand this mystery?
3. What is the foundation of the mystery?
4. How should the application of this mystery affect how you view others in the church?

Prayer focus: To understand how God has made a way to include all people into one body in Christ.

**Tuesday – Read Ephesians 3 (7-13)**

1. How was Paul made a minister of the gospel?
2. Why was Paul made a minister of the gospel?
3. What is God's purpose in using Paul to proclaim this mystery?
4. What spiritual benefits do we have through God's eternal purpose in Christ Jesus?

Prayer focus: To be thankful for the confidence and access we have through Jesus.

**Wednesday – Read Ephesians 3 (14-21)**

1. Why does Paul note that "every family in heaven and on earth" derives its name from the Father?
2. What does Paul pray for?
3. Why does he pray for this?
4. On what basis does Paul ascribe glory to God, and for what end?
5. How can you be more focused on and attuned to God's glory in your life?

Prayer focus: For a greater sense of God's glory.

### **Thursday – Read Zephaniah 3 (9-13)**

1. What does this passage (3:9-13) describe?
2. How is the conversion of the nations, both Jews and Gentiles, a sign of God's grace?
3. How is this fulfilled, according to Ephesians 1-3?
4. How do you understand the Bible differently when you begin to view as one overarching story?

Prayer focus: For greater understanding of God and his plan.

### **Friday – Read Luke 13:1-9**

1. How did Jesus refocus the discussion?
2. What did Jesus teach about repentance?
3. How does Jesus' parable illustrate what he taught about repentance?
4. How do you understand repentance?
5. Do you need to change your thinking about repentance?

Prayer focus: For humility in repentance.

### **Saturday – Read Ephesians 4-6**

1. What are the main themes of these sections of scripture?
2. How do these sections of scripture develop and extend the teaching from the earlier sections you studied this week?
3. How do they help you prepare for Sunday worship?

Prayer focus: To be prepared to hear the word of the Lord on Sunday.

### **Notes**