

**PRAYER WARRIORS** - We are committed to cultivating a lifestyle of personal and corporate communication with God.

**IN DEPTH STUDY** - We are committed to learning and discerning the ways of God through rich study of His Word.

**DYNAMIC COMMUNICATION** - We are committed to demonstrating the power and relevancy of God's word in our classrooms and in our worship hours. We are further committed to open conversation whereby we work out differences in loving, Christ-centered ways, putting a stop all gossip in our church.

**HEALTHY FAMILIES** - We are committed to developing strong bonds for all families. We are committed to being a safe place for families worship, study, learn and play. We are committed to building up the family unit in our ministries.

**GROWING YOUNG** - To Never to Young to Lead

**COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS** - We are committed to addressing the immediate needs of the less fortunate, developing strategies to break the sting of racism, release the strain of poverty, and to be a voice for the vulnerable in our community.

**PASSIONATE WORSHIP** - We are committed to lifting up Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in everything we do. Every ministry and endeavor of SAF is to bring honor to God.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. What have we done well? What do we need to do better?
2. What keeps us from getting acquainted with new people?
3. What have we done well? What do we need to do better?
4. How can we foster Hospitality at SAF without food and drink?



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**COMEBACK**

**LIVING THE DREAM  
WHEN IT FEELS LIKE A NIGHTMARE**

Sometimes, being a part of the church—though a dream-come-true for some, becomes a nightmare.

You get in, you make friends. You get a ministry, and then you become that ministry. And you get burnt out.

Church becomes work...not worship.

Church becomes a challenge...not a blessing.

Church becomes a drudgery...not a place of healing and restoration.

And so instead of bragging about our church, we resent our church.

Instead of telling others how exciting things are, we tell of the problems.

In our study today, we will see that the Apostle Paul gives a prescription for better church, better relationships, and how to get back to living the dream at church.

## COMEBACK

EPHESIANS 3:8 "To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,"

Paul says he is, "\_\_\_\_\_ than the \_\_\_\_\_."

Then he says, "this \_\_\_\_\_ was given."

**Those who have the greatest access to divine grace will be the most \_\_\_\_\_.**

When ministry is about \_\_\_\_\_, the church will not grow.

EPHESIANS 3:8

"Preach among the Gentiles the \_\_\_\_\_ riches of Christ."

At the heart of the unsearchable riches of Christ, is the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ relationships.

## WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW

Compare Ephesians 3:10 from the NKJV and the NLT

"...to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places,"

**NKJV**

"God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places." **NLT**

THE MOST IMPORTANT WORD IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE:

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The New Testament Model for Meaning Relationships:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Corporate prayer \_\_\_\_\_ people how to pray.

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

The New Testament word for Hospitality is \_\_\_\_\_.

It literally means "to love \_\_\_\_\_."