

**Enter In
To His Mystery
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Opening

-explain imagery for the series, why not a doorway...

-JESUS

-God wants to use your life to spell Jesus to the world and there is a Mystery that plays an important role...will you Enter In?

Introduction

-Is it even in the realm of possibility that one day Christ followers will perform more miracles than Jesus?

-John 1:50, 5:20, 14:12-14 (**megas ergon**)

-What if Jesus wasn't talking about physical miracles? Is it possible that Jesus was performing miracles on the material to inspire faith for miracles on the immaterial?

-What if Jesus was talking about healing my blindness to the Imago Dei in others...

-What if Jesus was talking about healing my deafness to the pain and suffering and lament of others...

-What if Jesus was talking about healing my atrophied will that won't move toward my brother and sister in Christ who is in need...

-What if Jesus was talking about healing my lack of being a loving, calming presence to calm the storms of life that are causing others to despair...

-What if Jesus was talking about healing my broken ego that stands in the way of reconciling relationships that feel irreconcilable?

Jesus' Prayer

-John 17:20-24

- You know why He is praying right...one mind is impossible for us!
- It's going to take something supernatural to reconcile the irreconcilable...
- AND, listen to what He says...this IS our witness!!!!
- It is a direct connection to Megas Ergon...
- Philippians 2:1-4 (make room for one another's mind)

Jesus' Mystery

-Building A Healthy Multi-Ethnic Church by Mark DeyMaz...

-Ephesians 3:1-6 in NASB

- The mystery is NOT reconciled to God
- The mystery IS reconciled to one another
- Chapter 4 unity in the church
- Chapter 5 unity in the home
- Chapter 6 is warning against spiritual attack!
- *Devil knows the credibility of our message cannot be overcome...so the next best option is to destroy the credibility of our witness!*

- **Revelation 12:11** (dying to self, even in relationships)

-Revelation 2:2-4 (NASB)

Jesus' Values

-City Life's 4 Core Values...make The Mystery possible!

1. **Jesus valued Generosity** - Acts 20:35
2. **Jesus valued Ministry** - John 13:15 (do as I have done)
3. **Jesus valued Community** - John 19:26-27 (behold thy son)
4. **Jesus valued Diversity** - Matthew 28:19 (...of all nations)

-1 John 1:1-5a (give commentary as to what John is doing here)

-I believe His Church is supposed to be a community of faith where the world sees people reconciling relationships whose lives seem irreconcilable...Enter In to His Mystery!

-The Diverse Church

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- (show slide with chaotic lines)
- (show slide with chaotic lines and boundaries)

Band

-4 practical things to remember

1. Walking in disagreement instead of standing in conflict
2. Truth is undefeated
3. Listen well and love genuinely
4. Principles, Perspectives, Preferences

Close

-Jesus is going to do His part...will you?