



BIG GOD CHURCH

MAIN IDEA

We need to reclaim God's great dream for the church to be part of God's plan to change the world.

STARTER

What is most inspiring to you about Martin Luther King's "I have a dream" speech?

DISCUSS

To what degree do you think having a dream is important to your mental and spiritual health? Why?

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Optional Essential

READ

Read [Ephesians 3:1-13](#) where Paul describes God's dream for the church and discuss:

- What does this passage say about God and His dream for the church?
- What impact does Paul say the Gospel has on the relationship between Jews and Gentiles? Why do you think that is significant?
- *Leader Bible tip: Jews and Gentiles did not typically associate with each other in the first century.*

Break up into groups of 2-3 and discuss for 5 minutes:

- In your own words, what is God's dream for the church?
- Who is someone in your life that you do not naturally get along with that you could take a step toward encouraging?

Get back together as a group and have someone read [Ephesians 3:14-21](#). Have everyone listen for one idea or phrase that encourages you. (Yes! You read this last week too. We want this to soak in).

- Take turns having everyone share what encouraged them and why.
- Discuss: How do you think relying more on God's resources would impact your spiritual or mental health?

APPLY

Have everyone share one way you could embrace God's dream for the church more in your life?

Spend some time praying for each other's needs and "revival," a word to describe what happens when God's dreams come to life in real people.