

S.O.A.P. Bible Study
“Reach Across

S=Scripture: Ephesians 3:1-13

O=Observation: After reading the text carefully, answer the following questions: How many times is the word “mystery” used in these verses? What is the mystery? Why would Paul call this truth a mystery? How is God now planning to reveal the mystery? What is the meaning of the word “manifold”? “Rulers and authorities” often mean the “evil powers of this age.” If so, what evil powers are being addressed by this ethnic barrier falling? What is the final result or purpose that Paul brings forth in the last two verses which is his reason for preaching about this mystery?

A=Application: Why is the divide between Gentiles and Jews such an affront to the power of the gospel and what exactly does it have to do with similar barriers today? What discouragement in the area of reaching across to other cultures or ethnic groups does God want to overcome in your life?

P=Prayer: Write out a prayer based on your meditation on this passage: