Title: I Am United

Text: Ephesians 1:9–10

Target: You are not just part of God's plan, you are proof of it.

1. You are afforded a Sacred Privilege: "Making known to us the mystery of his will," (Vs. 9a)

- a. Opened by Eyes: "To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." (Col. 1:27)
- **b.** Opened my Heart: "And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh." (Ezekiel 36:26)
- **2.** You are <u>assigned</u> to a Kingdom Purpose: "according to this purpose, which he set forth in Christ" (Vs. 9b)
 - a. You were the Mission: "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." (Luke 19:10)
 - **b.** You are on Mission: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19–20)
- 3. You are appointed for a Divine Moment: "as a plan for the fullness of time," (Vs. 10a)
 - **a. His Timing is Perfect:** "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law." (Galatians 4:4)
 - **b.** His Purpose is Unstoppable: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted." (Job 42:2)
- **4.** You are <u>anointed</u> to bring Heaven to Earth: "things in heaven and things on earth." (Vs. 10b)
 - a. Given Authority: "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 18:18)
 - b. Bring Deliverance: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed." (Luke 4:18)

Takeaway: You don't just represent the Kingdom, YOU RELEASE IT!