

Speak, O Lord:



Our Calling and Our Mission
Ephesians 3:1-13

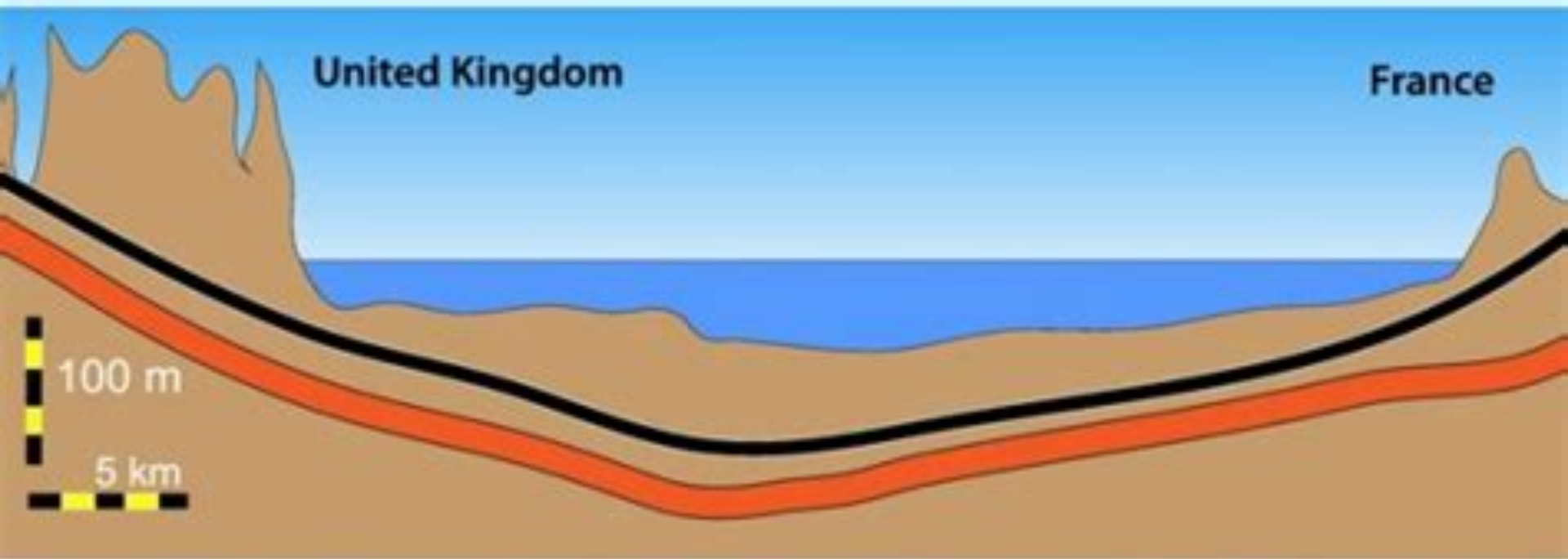
1. God reveals what appears to be a mystery: Christians are united together by Christ in the church and become stewards of grace and the gospel message.

3:1-7



God revealed to Paul and other church leaders that Jesus is radically inclusive regarding His church, bringing together those who have no natural connection and may even have mutual prejudice and hostility.

Paul understood his mission was to be a steward of the grace made real in Christ and to get that message to both Jews and Gentiles.



Does my life and participation in the local church contribute to our unity in grace and unity in mission?

**2. God has revealed that
the mission of the
church is to endure the
sufferings of Christ
while making known and
making plain the gospel
message and God's
purposes in the world.**

3:8-13

**The church proclaims
and makes plain the
gospel message and
God's purposes in the
world.**

**The church's mission
impacts "Gentiles,"
"everyone," and "the
rulers and authorities
in the heavenly
realms."**

The result of the church's mission will be that all people may trust in Christ and be free to approach God with confidence.

**The church should
expect significant
hardship while
accomplishing this
mission.**

How much am I willing to endure in and for the church to reveal to God's enemies God's power and glory in Christ and to lead all people to God through faith in Jesus Christ?