**FOCUS Bible Study - July 27**

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[**Introductions and Greetings @ 0:00**](https://fathom.video/share/vPcJpVhqUXJSf2JJEVqzxuAPX824zWFy?tab=summary&timestamp=0)

The meeting began with participants greeting each other and exchanging pleasantries. Rick welcomed everyone and noted that the meeting was being recorded. The group discussed the weather and shared updates on their personal lives.

[**Launching a Poll @ 4:00**](https://fathom.video/share/vPcJpVhqUXJSf2JJEVqzxuAPX824zWFy?tab=summary&timestamp=240)

Rick launched a poll to engage the group, asking two questions: 1) Who likes mysteries? and 2) What does it mean to be a steward? The group responded, with most indicating they find mysteries intriguing and that a steward is someone who is responsible with money or a manager.

[**Defining a Minister and Steward @ 7:00**](https://fathom.video/share/vPcJpVhqUXJSf2JJEVqzxuAPX824zWFy?tab=summary&timestamp=420)

Rick then dove into a deep discussion on the biblical concepts of a minister and a steward. A minister is someone who serves God with passion, connects people to God, helps them understand the sacrifice of Christ, and intercedes for them. A steward is someone entrusted with managing the mysteries of God, which requires understanding, believing, and appropriately sharing those mysteries with others.

[**The Mysteries of God @ 25:48**](https://fathom.video/share/vPcJpVhqUXJSf2JJEVqzxuAPX824zWFy?tab=summary&timestamp=1548)

Rick reviewed several biblical passages that reference the "mysteries of God", including the gospel, Christ's incarnation, God's plan for the Gentiles, the resurrection, and the relationship between Christ and the church. He summarized that the overarching mystery is God's plan of salvation through Jesus Christ, which reconciles all of humanity to Him.

[**Applying the Lessons @ 1:11:54**](https://fathom.video/share/vPcJpVhqUXJSf2JJEVqzxuAPX824zWFy?tab=summary&timestamp=71)

The group discussed how these lessons impact their own lives and faith. They emphasized the importance of being grounded in God's Word to avoid deception, and having wisdom and discernment in how and when to share the mysteries of God with others.

[**Closing Prayer and Next Steps @ 1:13:59**](https://fathom.video/share/vPcJpVhqUXJSf2JJEVqzxuAPX824zWFy?tab=summary&timestamp=73)

Rick closed the meeting with prayer, asking God to deepen the group's passion and understanding of Him. He invited the group to share any prayer requests before concluding and wishing everyone a great weekend.