



Session 2: Paul, the Apostle

READ:

Acts 13-15; Galatians 1:1-10

CONNECT: My Mission

Choose an object you have with you and explain to the group how it relates to some aspect of your mission in life.

WATCH: Paul's Apostolic Ministry

As you watch the video, fill in the following:

In Acts 1, Peter set out three criteria for someone to be an authoritative apostle:

1. Taught _____ _ _____
2. Witnesses of _____ _____
3. Chosen for the office by ____ _____ _____

Record how Paul meets these criteria:

1. Where was Paul taught by Jesus for three years?
2. Where did Paul see the risen Savior?
3. When was Paul chosen by Christ to be his apostle?

According to Peter, "Paul presented outlooks to the church which were difficult to _____ and even harder to _____."

"More than anything else, actually, Paul is a _____."

What were Paul's letters designed to do?

Why did Paul write the book of Romans?

DISCUSS

- What is something new you learned from the video?
- In his time, Paul could be a controversial figure, and the same is true today. What are your feelings about him?
- Read Galatians 1:1-10. List different things Paul points to that support the truth of his position.
- What was Paul's God-given mission according to Acts 9:15, 16 and Acts 13:1-4?
- What part did Paul's letters play in that mission?
- Considering what you have seen in the video and in the Bible passages, how would you describe the authority behind Paul's ministry?

STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART: Purpose for This Life

- Summarize Paul's view of his life and ministry as he expressed it in Philippians 1:21-25.
- Read Ephesians 4:11-16.
 - What does Paul say about how God wants us to carry out our mission?
 - List the various ways Paul describes the goal of our mission.

APPLY:

- Is there anything you would like to add to or change about your mission or purpose for your life that you stated earlier? If so, what?
- What do you need to be better equipped for works of service and for building up the body of Christ in unity and maturity?
- How do you equip God's people for works of service?
- How has this study encouraged you in your faith?
- Where has it challenged you? What do you want to do as a result?