



PAUL'S JOURNEY – PART 2: PASTOR, PLANTER, PARENT, PENMAN

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WORSHIP

Begin your group with a time of worship. If someone in your group can lead worship, invite them to lead two or three songs. Alternatively, consider using one or more of these songs from our Sunday morning worship time:

- **God of Revival** (*Bethel Music*)
- **Faithful And True** (*New Life Worship*)
- **I've Witnessed It** (*Passion*)

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Acts 9
- Ephesians 2:8-9
- Galatians 1:11-24 & 2:1-10
- 1 Thessalonians 2:5-8

OPENING QUESTION

Share a time when you had to "unlearn" something in your faith journey. How did this experience impact your relationship with God?

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Some of the hardest parts of Christianity aren't what we need to learn but what we need to unlearn.
2. God loves to reveal the truth to his children about who He is and who we are in Him.
3. We must learn to trust and respond to God's timing.
4. We should strive to leave behind a legacy of faith.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The sermon mentions three major shifts that take place during salvation. What were they, and how do you see these shifts playing out in your own faith journey?
2. Pastor Brian talks about the difficulty of unlearning things like legalism, salvation through works, and justification through self-effort. Which of these do you find most challenging to unlearn, and why?
3. How has God revealed truth about Himself or about your identity in Him recently? How did this revelation impact your faith?
4. The sermon emphasizes the importance of God's timing. Share an experience where you had to wait on God's timing. What did you learn through that process?
5. Paul's legacy included planting churches and writing Scripture. What kind of faith legacy do you hope to leave behind? How are you working towards that now?
6. The sermon mentions how Paul's letters helped Gentiles and Jews live in community under one Messiah. How can we apply this principle of unity in our diverse church community today?

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

1. Identify one area in your faith where you might need to "unlearn" something. Commit to studying Scripture and praying about this area over the next week.
2. Set aside time this week to listen for God's revelation. Journal any insights you receive about who God is or who you are in Him.
3. If you're struggling with God's timing in an area of your life, share this with the group and ask for prayer and support.
4. Consider one practical step you can take this week towards building your faith legacy. This could be mentoring someone younger, serving in a ministry, or sharing your testimony with a friend.

CLOSING PRAYER

Thank God for His transformative work in our lives, like He did with Paul. Ask for wisdom to unlearn what needs to be unlearned, patience to trust His timing, and guidance to leave a legacy of faith.