



PAUL'S JOURNEY – PART 4: A SALVATION FOR ALL PEOPLES

PASTOR BRIAN COLES

MAY 18, 2025

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:

- **This Is Our God** (*Phil Wickham*)
- **Firm Foundation (He Won't)** (*Cody Carnes*)
- **Living Hope** (*Bethel*)

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Titus 2:11
- John 5:24
- Revelation 7:9-10
- Galatians 2:7,9
- 1 Timothy 2:7
- Acts 13 & 14

OPENING PRAYER

Begin your session with a prayer, asking God to guide your discussion and help you apply the teachings to your lives.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Salvation is offered to all people, regardless of background or culture.
2. Following God's calling often involves unexpected turns and opposition.
3. The Gospel has the power to transform lives and overcome obstacles.
4. Obedience to God's call may require laying down our own plans and expectations.
5. The eternal rewards of following God's will far outweigh temporary hardships.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Pastor Brian mentions that Paul's life took a sharp turn when he encountered Jesus. Share a time when God redirected your life in an unexpected way. How did you respond?
2. The sermon highlights the opposition Paul faced during his missionary journey. How do you typically react when you face opposition in your faith or calling? What can we learn from Paul's response?
3. Discuss the statement: "There is power in the Gospel of Jesus Christ." How have you experienced this power in your own life or witnessed it in others?
4. The sermon mentions that Paul went on multiple missionary journeys despite knowing the hardships he would face. What holds you back from fully committing to God's calling in your life?
5. Reflect on the phrase: "It's going to be worth it." How does keeping an eternal perspective help us persevere through challenges in our faith journey?

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

1. Spend time in prayer, asking God to reveal any areas where He might be calling you to step out in faith or make a change.
2. Share your faith story with someone this week, emphasizing the power of the Gospel in your life.
3. Make a list of your current goals and aspirations. Prayerfully consider if any of these need to be adjusted to align with God's calling for your life.
4. When facing opposition or challenges this week, practice viewing them through an eternal perspective. Journal about how this change in viewpoint affects your response.

CLOSING PRAYER

Thank God for His salvation offered to all people. Ask for courage and strength to follow His calling, even when it's difficult. Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel and for open hearts to receive it.