

PAUL A Life Worthy of the Call

Group Questions | May 21 | Week 1

OPENER

This week we began a new 5-week series that will focus on the life of Paul. How much would you say you know about Paul?

What are some things you're hoping to learn more about the life and mission of Paul?

TRUTH

The majority of Paul's life is summed up in the book of Acts. And the stories from the Book of Acts range from 30AD - 60AD. But you also can learn much about the person of Paul from the 13 letters in the New Testament that he wrote.

But for this series, we began week one by looking at the story just before Paul/Saul came onto the scene.

Read Acts 5:42-6:1.

Do you recall from Sunday's message the difference between Hellenistic Jews and Hebraic Jews?

For more understanding of Hellenistic Jews, feel free to do a quick Google search on "Hellenization."

Read Acts 6:2-4.

Why did the apostles begin to hand off responsibilities to others? Why couldn't they just do those things themselves?

Read Acts 6:5-10.

What stands out to you about Stephen? Think about the roles given to him and what we end up seeing him do.

Stephen's story ends in tragedy after the Jewish leaders decide to stone him, but this account is stunning. Read Acts 7:54-8:3

What stands out the most in these verses?

APPLICATION

In these verses, it's clear that Paul seems to think he is doing what's best for the God he follows. But his pride and zeal have gotten the best of him, and he missed what God was really doing through Jesus, his people, and the church.

How can we ensure we don't have any blind spots in our faith keeping us from fulfilling our calling to further God's kingdom?

PRAY