

# LIFE AND LETTERS OF PAUL BIBLE STUDY

## SCHEDULE

- September 3:** **Paul's Background and Conversion**  
Homework: Read Acts 11:19-26, 13-14, Galatians
- September 10:** **Cyprus and Galatia**  
Homework: Read Acts 15:1-35
- September 17:** NO BIBLE STUDY
- September 24:** **Antioch and Jerusalem**  
Homework: Read Acts 15:36-17:15; 1 & 2 Thessalonians
- October 1:** **Into Europe**  
Homework: Acts 17:16-34
- October 8:** **Athens**  
Homework: Read Acts 18; 1 & 2 Corinthians
- October 15:** NO BIBLE STUDY
- October 22:** **Corinth**  
Homework: Read Acts 19-20; Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon
- October 29:** **Ephesus**  
Homework: Read Acts 21-28; Romans
- November 5:** NO BIBLE STUDY
- November 12:** **To Rome – and Beyond?**  
Homework: Read 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus
- November 19:** **Paul's Death and Legacy**

## WHAT TO EXPECT EACH WEEK

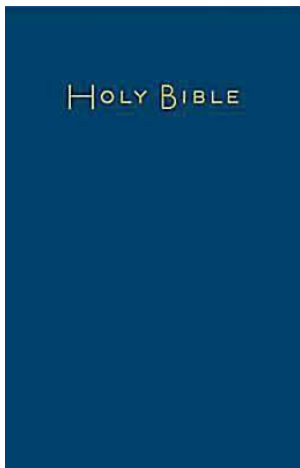
10:00–10:10: Opening Question and Small Group Discussion

10:10–10:30: Pastor’s Teaching

10:30–10:55: Scripture Reading and Large Group Discussion

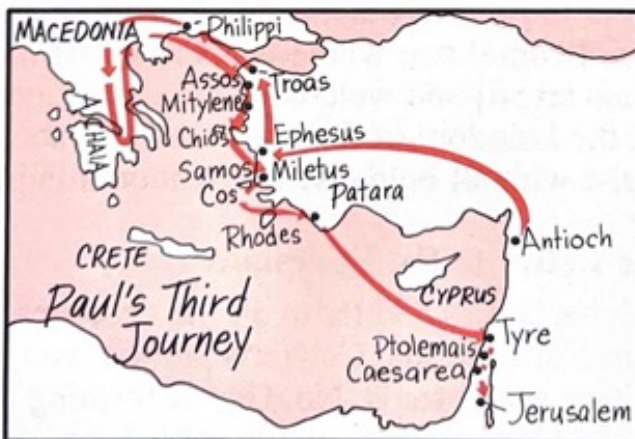
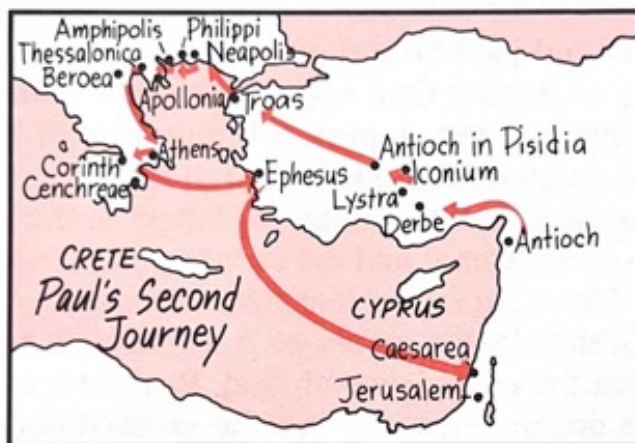
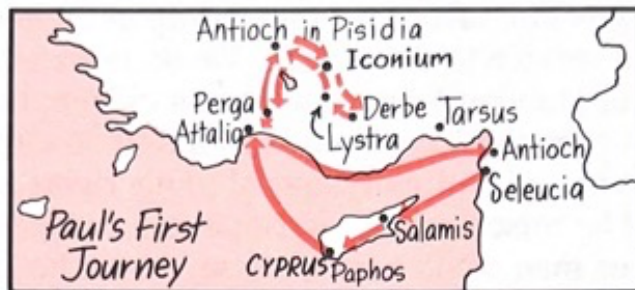
10:55–11:00: Closing Prayer

## WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU



## SUGGESTIONS FOR GROUP MEMBERS

1. Expect God to teach you through the scriptures being discussed and through the other members in the group.
2. Be willing to participate in the discussion.
3. Be sensitive and listen to other members of the group. Many questions do not have “right” answers. Instead, questions push us to explore the Bible more deeply.
4. Be careful not to dominate the discussion. By all means participate! But allow others to also. We will provide time for each person present to talk if he or she feels comfortable doing so.
5. Anything said in the group is considered confidential and will not be discussed outside the group unless permission is given to do so.
6. We will talk about ourselves and our own situations, avoiding conversations about other people.
7. We will be very cautious about giving advice.



## SKETCH OF PAULINE CHRONOLOGY

- c. 4 bc Birth of Jesus of Nazareth
- c. ad 5–10 Birth of Saul of Tarsus
- 30 Crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth
- 33 Jesus revealed to Saul on the road to Damascus
- 33–6 Paul in Damascus, Arabia, Damascus again
- 36 Paul's first post-Damascus visit to Jerusalem (Gal. 1.18–24)
- 36–46 Paul in Tarsus; brought to Antioch by Barnabas
- 40 Gaius (Caligula) plans to erect statue in Jerusalem
- 41 Assassination of Caligula; accession of Claudius
- 46/7 'Famine visit' to Jerusalem (Ac. 11.30; Gal. 2.1–10)
- 47–8 Paul and Barnabas on **first missionary journey: Cyprus and south Galatia**
- 48 Peter in Antioch (Gal. 2.11–21); crisis in Galatia
- 48 GALATIANS
- 48/9 Jerusalem conference (Ac. 15)
- 49 Claudius expels Jews from Rome
- 49 Paul and Silas on **second missionary journey: Greece**
- 50/1 1 and 2 THESSALONIANS
- 51 (early)–52 (late) Paul in Corinth
- 52/3 Paul in Jerusalem, Antioch; **third missionary journey: Ephesus**
- 53–6 In Ephesus
- 53 1 CORINTHIANS
- 53/4 Short, painful visit to Corinth
- 54 Death of Claudius; accession of Nero
- 55 PHILIPPIANS
- 55/6 PHILEMON, COLOSSIANS, EPHESIANS
- 56 Released from prison; **continues journey to Corinth**
- 56 2 CORINTHIANS
- 57 ROMANS
- 57 **From Corinth to Jerusalem**
- 57–9 'Hearings' and imprisonment in Jerusalem and Caesarea
- 59 (autumn) **Voyage to Rome; shipwreck on Malta**
- 60 (early) **Arrival in Rome**
- 60–2 House arrest in Rome
- 62–4 Further travels, either to Spain or to the east, or both?
- After 62 1 and 2 TIMOTHY and TITUS?
- 64 Fire of Rome; persecution of Christians in Rome
- 64 or later Death of Paul
- 66–70 Roman–Jewish War
- 68 Death of Nero
- 70 Fall of Jerusalem