

THE STORY



PAUL'S MISSION

Acts 13-20

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Romans 1:16-17

_____ was replaced with a _____ with Jesus.

TRADING RELIGION FOR RELATIONSHIP

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Knowing Christ:

1. We are _____ by grace through faith.
2. We are _____ into God's family.

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Sermon on November 6, 2022

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Getting to Know Me

1. What has been your most memorable trip (vacation or work)?
What made it memorable?
2. What one word or phrase illustrates how you are feeling about yourself at this moment?

Digging Deeper

3. What new insight or information did you learn about Paul's journey and message from *The Story* or hearing Pastor Phil's sermon this past Sunday?
4. Read Acts 13:27-31 together. What prophecies do you remember from our study of the Old Testament that applied to Jesus' life, death, and resurrection? How do these prophecies and their fulfillment effect your faith?
5. Phil shared two major themes of Paul's teaching: *Justification* by grace through faith and *Adoption* into God's family. Read the following scriptures that apply to each theme, and with your group, come up with a definition of each word.

A. Justification

Acts 13:38-39

Romans 1:16-17

Galatians 3:11

Definition of Justification:

B. Adoption

Galatians 3:26-29; 4:4-7

1 John 3:1

Definition of Adoption:

Where Do I Go from Here?

The tenets of the Gospel can be seen clearly on the 'Romans Road' (scripture verses found in the book of Romans that show our need and God's grace). Discuss and pray through these verses. Ask your Guide if you don't understand something about this message. If you know Jesus, practice sharing the meaning of these passages, so you may clearly explain the good news of Jesus to those who do not know Him.

The Roman Road

Romans 3:23 (also 3:10-12): *All have sinned and fall short of God's glory.*

Romans 6:23: *The punishment for sin is death, but the gift of God is life.*

Romans 5:8: *Because God loves us, He took the punishment for our sin.*

Romans 10:9-10: *Confess and believe to be saved (justified).*

Romans 10:13: *All who call on God shall be saved.*

Romans 12:1-2: *As we surrender to Jesus, his Spirit will transform us more into his likeness.*

Prayer

Ask God to open the hearts of specific people in your life who do not know Jesus. Ask God to use you to plant the seeds of salvation in the same way that Paul did with so many. Thank God for the work He is doing in and through you!

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