



“The Journey”

Galatians 1

— Small Group Plan —

OPEN IT / INTRODUCE IT ...

- What personal accomplishment makes you feel proud?
- If you could learn a new hobby, skill or line of work, what would you choose?
- What kind of recognition would you like for the work you do?

LOOK AT IT / STUDY IT ...

— Invitation To Join The Journey—

Galatians 1:11-24

¹¹ I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. ¹² I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.

- At the age of 18, how well did you have your life planned out?
- Have you ever been “persecuted” by someone who disagreed with what you were doing? Have you ever “persecuted” someone you disagreed with for what he was doing?
- What “revelation” or news has dramatically affected your life?
- What do you feel called by God to do with your life?
- In verse 15, Paul says that “God ... from my mother’s womb set me apart and called me by His grace.” What does it mean to be set apart before birth for a certain task? Does this mean that Paul had no choice in the matter?

— Going Deeper —

- What kind of claims or assertion does Paul appear to be refuting in this account of his conversion and early Christian experiences?
- How does Paul show that God’s grace was working in his life before his conversion? How has God worked in your life before your conversion?
- Read (vs. 10, 23-24). What results do you see here of a gospel-changed life?

USE IT / APPLY IT ...

- Why has Paul shared this part of his story? How can he give us guidance about why, when and how to share our own story of God's grace with others?
- Read Ephesians 2:10.
How are believers an object in a process of God's good work?
- As you look back on your life, how can you see that God was working, even though you didn't know it at the time:
 - ✓ To protect you?
 - ✓ To wake you up to things you denied?
 - ✓ To show you weaknesses or flaws in yourself?
 - ✓ To show you how valuable you are to Him?
- How has God prepared you to be of service and help to others? What has he equipped you to do in service to God, your family, your neighbors?
- Close in prayer, accepting the journey to which God has called you. Pray for strength and encouragement on this journey as well as patience and perseverance. Thank God for the call you have heard and embrace the life of a follower of Jesus.