

23 June 2024 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group
“Paul Confirms His Credentials in the Gospel”—Galatians 1:11-24

Questions to Answer from the Text:

1. Who did NOT impart or teach the Gospel to Paul (1:11-12a)?
2. From whom did Paul receive the Gospel? How did he receive it (1:12b)?
3. Before Paul came to know Christ Jesus truly, what were his actions and attitude toward the Church (1:13)?
4. What was Paul’s former religious life like (1:14)?
5. What was the reason for the change in Paul’s life (1:15-16a)?
6. For what purpose did God call Paul (1:16b)?
7. When Christ Jesus revealed Himself to Paul, what did he NOT do and what DID he do at first (1:17)?
8. After what period of time following his conversion and receiving the Gospel did Paul finally go to Jerusalem, the center of the early church at the time? Why did he go? How long did he stay? (1:18a)?
9. What other leader besides an Apostle did Paul see (1:19)?
10. How was Paul known among the believers in Judea (1:21-22)?

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

11. Why is Paul such an important figure in the history of the Church?
12. Is Paul to be elevated or subordinated in importance to the other Apostles of Christ? Explain.
13. Among many classic liberal scholars, what is the common view about Paul’s place in the history and spread of Christianity?
14. What distinguishes Christianity’s origin compared to other religions?
15. If man’s reason and imagination are not responsible for the rise of Christianity, why should anyone listen or pay attention to what the authors of the Bible wrote?
16. Does the fact that Christianity has a divine origin mean that it will not be influenced by people, places, and time periods? Why or why not?
17. Why must we not expect direct revelation of the Gospel such as Paul received?
18. How is the Gospel to be imparted and received?
19. How can imperfect men who preach the Gospel take care that they do not distort, dilute, abridge, or change it in any way?
20. What role should elders have in protecting and maintaining the Gospel message and proclamation? What role should congregants have in doing the same?