

Ch 29: Paul's Mission Workbook

Read: Acts 17:1-10, 1 Thess 5:1-28

1. What warnings and directions does Paul give regarding Christ's return (v1-11)?
2. What direction does he give regarding ministering within the Body (v12-15)?
3. What direction does he give regarding their own personal walk (v16-22)?
4. Look back over your answers to questions 1-3 and make a list of what disciples should be doing in preparation for Christ's return.

Paul knew these churches needed wisdom to stay focused and continue to grow. How is God speaking to you personally through these passages? Write a prayer in response.

Day Two

Read: Acts 16:1-40

1. According to v.6-7, what prevented the apostles from entering some areas?
2. Based on the rest of the chapter, why do you think

they were blocked from going to Bithynia and Asia at this time?

3. What was the Lower Story of their trip to Phillipi?

What was the Upper Story?

4. Read Phillipians 1:12-30, 3:1-15. A decade later, Paul wrote this letter to the Phillipian church. What is he still teaching them about the Upper Story vs Lower Story?

Perspective is everything, isn't it? What is God showing you about how we are to view our lives? Meditate on Phil 3:8 and then write a prayer in response.

Day Three

Read: Col 2:8-3:17

1. What “trap” or “deception” had the Colossians fallen into?
2. How were the Colossians attempting to attain holiness?
3. How does Paul direct them to pursue righteousness?
4. In what ways do we still this “deception” pop up?

Write down Col 3:2 and 3:10.

Spend some time in prayer asking God to show you how He is speaking to you specifically through these Verses. Write a prayer in response.

Day Four

Read 1 Ti 4:6-16, 6:6-14; 2 Ti 2:3-5, 11-13

1. What do the following words/phrases Paul uses say to you about a life as a disciple...
("discipline", "labor", "strive", "take pains", "be absorbed"...etc)
2. What does 1 Ti 6:6-14 say to you about the relationship of contentment and what we pursue?

How does our culture tell us to obtain contentment?

What does Paul warn that it will lead to?

3. 2 Ti 2:3-5,11-13 describe a life of true discipleship.
How do these verses apply to you personally?

Paul makes it clear to Timothy that discipleship calls for a different view/approach to life. Write the scripture that spoke most to you today. After meditating on that scripture write a prayer in response.

Day Five

Read: 2 Ti 1:7-9

Write your name in each of the blanks below.

For God gave _____ a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸ Therefore _____ will not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but _____ will share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹ who saved _____ and called _____ to^[a] a holy calling, not because of _____ works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave _____ in Christ Jesus before the ages began,^[b]

Slowly read through this, as many times as it takes to allow it to soak in. Let each phrase speak to you personally. Spend your time today discussing this passage with God. Journal, below, what He is showing you and then write a prayer in response.