

Aiming For Jesus: The Legacy of Paul the Apostle

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I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace. - Acts 20:24

I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His suffering. Philippians 3:10

A life aimed at Jesus is a life...

○ Personally transformed by Jesus

○ Singularly devoted to Jesus

○ Habitually responsive to Jesus

○ Faithfully protected by Jesus

➤ Through false accusation

➤ Through fierce opposition

➤ With his promise, provision, and presence

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. What are a few things that impress you about the life and ministry of Paul?
3. Read 1 Timothy 2:12-17. In what ways was Paul transformed, according to his own testimony?
4. Fill in the blanks: I once was _____, but now, because of Jesus, I am _____.
5. Paul shares a fuller version of his personal testimony in Acts 22 and 26. Have you ever written out your personal testimony? Take a few minutes and share a few testimonies with one another. Try to keep your story to 2-3 minutes and include a clear description of how you came to trust in Jesus for salvation.
6. Read Matthew 6:24. In your own words, explain what it means to be singularly devoted to Jesus.
7. What are some decisions you have had to make over the years in order to be more fully devoted to Jesus? What was the hardest decision for you?
8. Paul grew a momentum in his life of saying “yes” to God. Have you ever experienced such a momentum? Have you ever experienced the destructive momentum of saying “no” to God?
9. Describe a time when you encountered false accusation or fiery opposition in your spiritual journey. How did the Lord protect you and provide for you during this time?
10. What is one decision you can make today that will position your life to be more aimed at Jesus? Who can you ask to pray for you in carrying out that decision?

FOR FURTHER ACTION/REFLECTION

Memorize Acts 20:24 and Philippians 3:10

Spend some time reading Acts 21-26

Read about the historicity of Paul’s time in Jerusalem and Caesarea

– <https://bit.ly/paulhistory>

Read “Why I love the apostle Paul” – <https://bit.ly/whylovepaul>

Read “How to Really Live for Christ” – <https://bit.ly/liveforchrist>

Read *Paul* by Charles Swindoll

Read *Follow Him*, a 35-day devotional by David Platt

Read more about Patrick the Missionary – <https://bit.ly/Patrickmissionary>

A great site for kids to learn about Patrick

– https://bit.ly/stpatrick_kids

Listen to “Jesus, All for Jesus”

– <https://bit.ly/allforjesussong>

Listen to “Christ Be All Around Me,” inspired by Patrick

– <https://bit.ly/christaroundme>

