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Family Devotional

Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.
Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You
established the earth, and it abides.—Psalm 119:89–90



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Paul's First Journey

Lesson Summary

This week we looked at Paul's first missionary journey in our lesson. He and Barnabas set out from the church of Antioch to preach the gospel to all who would listen (Acts 13:1–3).

We will look at some of the events from this journey that we didn't have time to cover in class. We can be thankful for Paul's perseverance and faithfulness to the call of God on his life. He serves as a great example for us as we seek to share the life-giving gospel of grace.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

Acts 13:4–12

1. How did God use Paul to reveal the truth to the proconsul?
2. How did Paul speak to the sorcerer, Elymas? Who motivated his strong words? (See vv. 9–11.)
3. What was a catalyst in the proconsul believing Paul's message?

Acts 13:13–41

4. How did Paul connect the gospel of Christ with the Jewish heritage of his listeners?
5. What elements of the gospel did Paul include in his message?
6. What warning did he give them?

Acts 13:42–52

7. What was the initial response to Paul's preaching?

8. Why did the Jewish leaders oppose the things spoken by Paul?
9. How did the Gentiles respond to Paul's statement that they were turning from the Jews to the Gentiles (vv. 46–48)?
10. How did the Jewish leaders respond (v. 50)?

Acts 14:1–20

11. Where did Paul and Barnabas preach first in Iconium? What was the response?
12. What did Paul see in the crippled man (vv. 8–9)?
13. How did Paul try and reason with the crowd? What did he tell them about their religious practices?
14. What finally happened to Paul?

Acts 14:21–28

15. What did Paul and Barnabas do in Derbe?

16. What did they do when they left Derbe (vv. 21–23)?

17. What message did they have for the believers in these cities?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Prayer

Thank God for the Apostle Paul's example of boldness and perseverance. Ask God for the same boldness to proclaim the gospel to all who will listen.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



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Paul's Second Journey

Lesson Summary

Paul and Barnabas finished their first journey and returned to the church at Antioch. But it wasn't long before the Lord called on Paul again to make a second journey and preach the gospel to more people in more cities. Paul invited Barnabas to join him, but due to a disagreement, they parted company. So, Paul chose Silas to go with him on this second missionary journey.

This journey would take them to the regions of Syria and Cilicia where they strengthened the churches that had already been established. As we did last week, this week we will look at events of the second journey that we didn't have time to cover in class.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

Acts 15:36–41

1. What was the purpose of this second journey?
2. Why did Paul not want to take John Mark with them on this trip?
3. What was the result of this disagreement?

Acts 16:1–10

4. Why did Paul have Timothy circumcised?
5. What were the decrees that they delivered to the churches?
(See Acts 15:22–29.)

6. What did Paul and Silas experience as they tried to minister in Asia and Bithynia?

7. Why did they seek to go into Macedonia?

Acts 16:11–40

8. Where did Paul and Silas go first in Philippi?

9. What did the Lord do for Lydia so she believed the gospel?

10. What did Paul do to the slave girl who was following them around? What was the reaction of her master? Why?

11. What happened to Paul and Silas after they were arrested? How did they respond once in jail?

12. How did God intervene? How did the jailer respond to all these events?

13. How did Paul respond to the magistrates' request to leave the city secretly?

Acts 17:1-15

14. Where did Paul first go after he came to Thessalonica? What was the response to his preaching?

15. How did the unbelieving Jews respond? What did the brothers in Thessalonica do about the situation?

16. What praise did Luke give the Berean Jews? What was their response to the study of the Scriptures?

Acts 17:16–33

17. What did Paul see in Athens? What was his response to their idolatry?

18. Summarize Paul's message to the Athenian philosophers. How does it differ from his message to the synagogue in Acts 13:13–41?

Acts 18:1–17

19. What happened when Paul testified to the Jews that Jesus is the Christ?

 20. How long did Paul teach in Corinth? Why did he stay so long?
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Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Prayer

Praise God for sending Jesus as the Savior. Thank Him for the power of the gospel that changes lives. Ask Him for boldness to share the gospel.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



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Paul's Third Journey

Lesson Summary

When Paul and Silas had completed their second missionary journey, Paul returned to Antioch. But he did not remain there long before the Lord called him to continue his missionary work. This third missionary journey would be a bit different than the previous two. This journey would include a few new areas of ministry including an extended stay in the city of Ephesus, but Paul would also go back to many of the cities he had already visited. He was intent on strengthening and encouraging the churches and believers in these cities.

As we've done the past couple weeks, we are going to read through the events of Paul's third missionary journey to cover things we didn't have time to get to in class.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

Acts 18:22–28

1. Why did Paul head back to Galatia and Phrygia?
2. What was the problem with the preaching of Apollos? Who helped him and how?

Acts 19:1–20

3. How did Paul help some new Ephesian disciples?
4. What was the response to Paul's preaching in the synagogue in Ephesus? How did Paul respond?
5. In what miraculous ways did God use Paul? What happened when Jewish exorcists tried to command demons?

6. How did some new Ephesian believers demonstrate their faith (vv. 18–20)?

Acts 19:21–41

7. What was the complaint of the idol craftsmen?
8. How did the crowd respond to the commotion in Ephesus, and how was the matter settled?

Acts 20:1–16

9. What did Paul do the night before he was to depart from Troas (vv. 7–12)?
10. Why was Paul in a hurry to get back to Jerusalem?



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Paul's Journey to Rome

Lesson Summary

Paul completed three long, arduous missionary journeys. He was steadfast in his commitment to the Lord and the gospel throughout his three journeys. In spite of being run out of town, persecuted, imprisoned, stoned, left for dead, and beaten, he persevered. Nothing mattered to him but that he would finish his race with joy and continue in the ministry of the Lord Jesus to testify to the gospel (Acts 20:24).

But God was not finished with Paul. God sent Paul on one more journey, this time as a prisoner to Rome. We are going to read about Paul's long, dangerous journey, and see how God was with him throughout. We'll pick up in Acts 24, where Paul is in Caesarea before Felix the governor. He had been arrested in Jerusalem and accused by the Jewish leaders of creating dissension and profaning the temple.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

Acts 24:1–27

1. What did Tertullus accuse Paul of?
2. What did Paul say in his defense?
3. What topics did Paul speak to Felix about? How did Felix respond?
4. How long was Paul kept in Caesarea?

Acts 25:1–27

5. What happened when Paul appeared before Festus?
6. Where did Agrippa and Bernice assemble to hear Paul? Who else was there?

Acts 26:1–32

7. How did Paul defend himself before King Agrippa?
8. Did Paul share the gospel with those listening?
9. How did Agrippa respond to Paul's words?

Acts 27:1–15

10. How did Paul warn the men? What was the response of the centurion?
11. What did the sailors do to prepare the ship for the storm?
12. How did Paul know that no one would perish in the storm?
13. How did Paul encourage the others on the ship?
14. Where did they all end up?

15. What happened to Paul on the island of Malta? How did the locals respond?

16. How did Paul help the Maltese?

17. When they finally reached Rome, where did Paul stay?

18. Who did Paul first call together? What did he tell them?

19. What did Paul do in Rome for two years?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Prayer

Thank God for Paul's tenacity and faithfulness to his calling. Ask God to give you the same resolve to testify of the Lord Jesus to all who will listen.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



5

Encouraging the Churches

Lesson Summary

God used Paul as he traveled on four different journeys. Paul preached the gospel and planted churches wherever he went. And Paul kept these churches in his heart whether he was with them or not. He felt responsible for them, like a father for his children (1 Corinthians 4:14; 1 Thessalonians 2:11). The epistles Paul wrote to them were his way of encouraging, teaching, correcting, and staying in touch with those whom he loved.

This week we'll look at some passages in Paul's letters that show his concern for the churches and that give us a glimpse into the heart of this great evangelist and church planter.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss what they reveal about the heart of the Apostle Paul for Jesus's church.

- Romans 1:8–15 –
- Philippians 1:1–11 –
- 1 Corinthians 1:1–17 –
- Colossians 1:1–14 –
- Colossians 4:7–15 –
- 1 Thessalonians 2:1–20

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Prayer

Praise God for His salvation! Thank Him that you are His child and a member of Jesus's church. Ask Him to give you a heart like that of the Apostle Paul for your brothers and sisters in Christ.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



6 Revealing the Unknown God

Lesson Summary

This week, the younger grades had a review lesson. The older students watched a video and discussed the idea of making sure we are sharing the gospel in a way that is understandable to our audience.

In a culture that is increasingly unfamiliar with what the Bible teaches and accepting of an evolutionary worldview, Christians must take care to communicate the gospel in a way that is understandable to those who will listen. When Peter spoke to a Jewish audience in Acts 2, he didn't need to explain who God was since he had a common foundation with his hearers. Paul, however, when preaching to Greeks in Acts 17, had to take time to explain who God is. In a similar manner, we need to know whether we are speaking to "Jews" or "Greeks" as we share the gospel.

This week we'll look at these two sermons and see how the approach of Peter and Paul differed based on their audiences.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

Acts 2:5–41

1. Who was in Jerusalem for this Pentecost celebration (v. 5)?
What would Peter have had in common with his audience?
2. Where did Peter quote from to explain what was happening (vv. 14–21)?
3. Were these Jews familiar with the ministry of Jesus (v. 22)?
4. What facts did Peter present concerning Jesus?
5. What did Peter quote from to show that the Old Testament spoke of the Resurrection of the Messiah?
6. What was the response of the crowd to Peter’s sermon? What did Peter tell them to do?

7. What did Paul see in Athens that provoked his spirit?

8. What did Paul do daily in Athens? What was his message?

9. Who asked Paul to speak to them (vv. 18–19)? What would Paul have had in common with his audience?

10. How did Paul connect with the culture of the Athenians? (See vv. 22–23 and 28.)

11. What information did Paul share about God?

12. How did Paul finish his sermon? What was the response of the crowd?

13. How would you summarize the differences between the evangelistic approach of Peter and Paul in these two examples?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Prayer

Thank God for the truth of His Word. Ask Him to help you be sensitive to those around you to whom you desire to witness, that you might present the gospel in a way that they can understand.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



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Saved by Grace

Lesson Summary

What a tremendous truth—we are saved by God’s grace through faith; it does not depend on our own good works or righteous deeds! If it did, none of us would ever be saved from God’s punishment.

But Jesus came as a man to take the punishment for sinners—to die as a substitute, taking upon Himself mankind’s sin and giving His righteousness to those who believe in Him. And now, we respond to such a great salvation through living lives that are worthy of Christ, performing good works that bring Him honor and glory.

This week we will read a number of Scriptures to see what they say about salvation, faith, and works.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss what they teach us about the relationship between faith and works.

- Ephesians 2:1–10 –

- James 2:14–26 –

- Galatians 2:16–21 –

- Romans 3:10–30 –

- Romans 8:1–11 –

- Titus 1:16 –

- Titus 3:4–8 –

- Matthew 7:16–23 –

- Hebrews 11:1–40 –



8

Children of God

Lesson Summary

This week in our lesson we looked at what it means that we are children of God—adopted by Him into His family. What a privilege we have as believers to call God Abba, Father. And with our adoption as God’s children comes certain responsibilities. We are to live in such a way as to bring glory to our Father (Matthew 5:16). And, as brothers and sisters with other believers, we are to treat one another with love and honor.

This week we are going to examine more fully those passages that speak of our adoptions as God’s children and how we are to live as a result.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss what they tell us about the privileges and responsibilities of being God's adopted children.

- Romans 8:12–21 –

- Galatians 4:1–7 –

- Ephesians 1:3–6 –

- Philippians 2:12–16 –

- 1 John 3:1–15 –

- 1 John 5:1–5

Read the following passages and discuss what they tell us about how we are to treat our brothers and sisters in Christ.

- Ephesians 4:31–5:2 –

- Galatians 6:1–2 –

- John 13:34–35 –
- Romans 12:9–18 –
- Romans 15:5–7 –
- Colossians 3:5–17 –
- Ephesians 4:1–3 –
- Ephesians 4:25–5:2 –

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Prayer

Thank God for adopting you as His child. Thank Him that you can call Him Father, and thank Him for the incredible inheritance that is reserved for you. Ask Him to empower you to live in such a way that He is honored

and glorified, and that your brothers and sisters in Christ are encouraged and loved.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



9

Pray Without Ceasing

Lesson Summary

When we become children of God, we gain access to God through prayer. God desires for us to bring all our requests to Him—our good Father—instead of worrying about them. What a privilege it is to be able to come to God in prayer!

The Scriptures have a lot to say to us about prayer. In our lesson we barely touched the surface, so we'll be delving into more passages this week that explain how to pray, why to pray, what we can expect when we pray, and much more.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss what they tell us about prayer.

- Psalm 34:12–16 –

- Proverbs 15:5, 15:29, 28:9 –

- Matthew 5:43–44 –

- Matthew 6:5–15 –

- Matthew 7:7–12 –

- Luke 18:1–8 –

- Luke 18:9–14

- Romans 8:26–27 –

- Ephesians 6:14–20 –

- Philippians 4:4–7 –
- Colossians 4:2–4 –
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 –
- 1 Timothy 2:1–8 –
- Hebrews 4:14–16 –
- James 1:5–7 –
- James 5:13–18 –
- 1 Peter 3:7
- 1 Peter 5:6–7 –
- 1 John 5:14–15 –

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Prayer

Thank God that we have access through prayer to His throne of grace. Spend time praising God for who He is, thanking Him for what He has done, and asking Him to make you a person of prayer.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



10

Becoming Like Jesus

Lesson Summary

Jesus simplified obedience to God by focusing on two things—loving God and loving others (Matthew 22:37–40). He referred back to commands that God had given the Israelites; these are not new concepts but the standard God has always had for His children. As believers in Christ, partakers of the New Covenant, we have the Holy Spirit to help us to love God and to love others. We do not battle our flesh and the world on our own. We have the power of God in us to live lives that are pleasing to Him.

One way God helps His children be victorious in the Christian life is by giving them His armor—the armor of God (Ephesians 6:10–17). This armor is really nothing more than Jesus Himself and the Word of God. When we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 13:14), we’ll be able to say “no” to sin, stand firm in our faith against the devil’s attacks, and live lives pleasing to God.

This week we’ll look at what the Bible has to say about our sanctification—the process by which God makes us more like Jesus.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss what they tell us about our sanctification.

- John 17:17–19 –

- 1 Thessalonians 4:1–8 –

- 1 Thessalonians 5:23–24 –

- 2 Thessalonians 2:13 –

- Romans 6:1–23 –

- 1 Corinthians 6:9–11 –

- 2 Peter 2:1–11 –

- Hebrews 10:11–18 –

- 1 Peter 1:13–21 –
- Philippians 2:12–13 –
- Romans 8:1–39 –
- Galatians 5:16–26 –
- Ephesians 5:25–27 –
- Acts 26:12–18 –
- Romans 12:1–2 –
- Titus 2:11–14 –
- Romans 13:11–14 –

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Prayer

Thank God that He is continuing to work in you to conform you to the image of His Son. Ask Him for the spiritual strength to say “no” to fleshly lusts and to walk by His Spirit that He might be glorified in your life.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



11

Jesus Will Return

Lesson Summary

Perhaps no other area of theology has caused more debate—and more confusion—than eschatology, the study of last things, or end times. There are many different opinions on the details of how God will end history as we know it. When will Jesus return? What about the “tribulation” period? Who is the Antichrist? Will there be an earthly millennial kingdom, or are we currently in the millennium? What role will the nation of Israel play in the future? Will the church suffer tribulation and persecution or be delivered by the rapture?

We can’t answer all these questions in one lesson. And just as people were surprised and confused about the details of the first coming of the Messiah, we will, no doubt, be surprised at how the Second Coming unfolds, no matter our theological position. But, we must hold to the Scriptures as our final authority. Let us not be swayed by the opinions of man but let His Word be our guide.

This week we’ll look at four primary passages that shed light on the return of Christ. So, get your Bibles, and pray that God gives you insight into His Word.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

Matthew 24:1–14

1. What are the circumstances that prompted Jesus to give this discourse on the end of the age? Who was He speaking to?
2. What questions did Jesus’s disciples ask Him?
3. What are the events that Jesus said would lead up to tribulation—the events Jesus called “the beginning of sorrows” (vv. 4–8)?
4. Why would “all nations” hate Jesus’s disciples? What will they do to them?
5. What will characterize the world before the end comes?

Matthew 24:15–31

6. What warning does Jesus give concerning “the abomination of desolation”?

7. How bad will the tribulation be in those days (v. 21)?
8. What will happen to those days of tribulation (v. 22)? Why?
9. What warning does Jesus give concerning false Christs and prophets?
10. How will we know when Jesus is returning (vv. 26–27)?
11. What will happen “immediately after the tribulation of those days”?
12. When Jesus comes on the clouds of heaven, what will He do?

1 Thessalonians 4:13–5:11

13. Why did Paul write this section of Scripture?
14. What hope was he giving the Thessalonian believers (and us)?

15. What will happen when the Lord descends from heaven?

16. What is another term for the coming of Christ (see 5:2)?

17. What will happen to unbelievers (“they”) when Christ returns (v. 3)?

18. Why won’t believers (“we”) be caught off guard when the day of the Lord comes?

19. How are we to live while we wait for the Lord’s return (vv. 6–8)?

2 Thessalonians 1:3–12

20. How did the Thessalonians respond to persecution and tribulation?

21. What will happen to those who are troubling the believers? And what will happen to those believers who are being troubled (vv. 6–7)? When will this happen?

22. What is the final outcome for those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel?

2 Thessalonians 2:1–16

23. What must happen before the day of Christ comes (vv. 1–4)?

24. What will characterize the activity of the “lawless one” (vv. 9–10)?

25. What will be the outcome for those who do not “receive the love of the truth”?

26. What will be the outcome for those who have been called and sanctified?

Revelation 6:1–17

27. Write down the earthly events that accompany each of the first four seals (vv. 1–8).

28. Who did John see under the altar in heaven (vv. 9–11)? What did they ask the Lord, and what response did they receive?

29. What events take place at the opening of the sixth seal? What is the response of the people on earth?

Revelation 7:9–17

30. Who did John see standing before the throne in heaven? What did they do and say?

31. Where did this great multitude come from (v. 14)? What promises do they have?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Prayer

Thank God for the promise of Jesus's return. Ask Him for perseverance and faith during times of tribulation. Praise Him that He is in control and will work all things out according to His perfect plan.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



12

New Heaven and New Earth

Lesson Summary

What a glorious future believers have awaiting them! God has promised in His Word that believers can look forward to a time when there will be a new heaven and a new earth with no more sin. It will be a place where they will enjoy eternity with the one true and glorious God.

Eternal life is not some fuzzy ethereal experience or sitting on clouds strumming harps. It is serving our God and experiencing His presence forever and ever. We will get to worship and serve God in our glorified bodies with no sinful distractions.

This earth, which is corrupted and stained by sin and the Curse, will be purged with fire only to be recreated into a paradise where we will spend an eternity with God. While in this life we fight against our own sinful flesh and the physical and emotional pain we experience, we eagerly long for the hope of eternal life with God, experiencing Him in all of His glory.

Let's look at Peter's description of the new heaven and new earth and at the last couple chapters of the book of Revelation to see the glorious future God has for His children.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

2 Peter 3:10-14

1. What will characterize the day of the Lord?
2. How should we live in light of the coming day of God?
3. What are we looking for?
4. How should we want to be found when Jesus returns?

Revelation 21:1-8

5. What will be in the new heaven and new earth?

6. What will be true for God's people? What promises does God give them?

7. What will be the end result for those who live a life of sin and rebellion?

Revelation 21:9–27

8. How is the New Jerusalem described?

9. Why is there no temple in the city? What is the light source of the city?

10. Who will not be able to enter the city?

11. What is in this city?

12. What will God’s servants do there (vv. 3–5)?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Prayer

Praise God that one day He will destroy this cursed earth and create a new one. Thank Him for the glorious future His children can look forward to. Ask Him for the grace to live a life pleasing to Him, that you may be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



13

Review

Lesson Summary

This week is a review week. We have covered so much this past quarter! We looked at the ministry of the Apostle Paul and all he suffered to spread the good news of the gospel. We looked at Paul's heart for the churches, and how he encouraged and taught them in his epistles. And we considered our blessed hope—the return of Christ!

This week we will look at Romans 8—undoubtedly one of the Apostle Paul's most important, and glorious, chapters.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and write your observations and reflections in the spaces below.

Romans 8:1–17

1. What is true for those who are “in Christ Jesus”?

2. What’s the difference between walking according to the Spirit and walking according to the flesh?

3. What is true for those who are sons of God?

Romans 8:18–39

4. What is true about the present creation?

5. What hope do God’s children have for the future?

Prayer

Praise God for all He has done for you through Christ. Thank Him for both your present life and also the hope you have for the life to come. Ask Him to strengthen you by His Spirit to trust Him no matter what life may bring.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:
