

Galatians 1:11-2:10 Dig Deeper for personal reading and Life Groups...



As we continue in our studies in Galatians we find Paul using a fairly surprising tactic to prove to the Galatians that his message is from God, namely by retracing the steps of various journeys he makes. While this seems surprising initially, as you read this passage it soon becomes clear. If you would like to see these places on a map, try the resources below, though scholars aren't totally sure about all of the locations.

1. Main point 1:11-12

- By way of recap what is the problem in Galatia?
- So why is it so important to Paul to demonstrate that his gospel is not from man?
- How is this going to help us? Where do you think we are most like the Galatians?

2. 1:13-2:10 Various Travels

- How many destinations do you count in this section?
- How does Paul's conversion story encourage you? How does it change the way you approach evangelism?
- Why is Paul talking about his non-interactions and interactions with the other apostles? Why is it important that Paul's gospel is consistent yet independent from the others?
- How would you sum up what Paul has established about his message?

3. Further Application

- How should this passage impact us when...
 - we are finding it hard to get to lifegroup?
 - we are tempted to think that the theological grass is greener in another church?
 - we are disappointed by the lack of commitment amongst other Christians?
- How does the gospel promote "remembering the poor"? v10 (To read more about the collection for the Jerusalem church see Romans 15:25-27, 2 Cor 8:1-7). What will that mean for you?

Some resources....

- Paul's Missionary Journeys map. <https://viz.bible/journeys/> (Damascus is around 60km East of Sidon, Arabia could include the desert area East of Damascus).
- Galatians for You. Tim Keller's book on Galatians has been turned into a free audiobook which is available on audible [here](#).
- Bible Project video (9mins) is here giving a nice pictorial overview of the book is at <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/galatians/>.