

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Without Paul, would Christianity have spread to the world?
2. Why did Jesus select Paul, rather than Peter or another disciple, to take the Good News to the gentiles?
3. Was it better for the cause of Christianity that Paul and Barnabas split up before their second journey? In Antioch and on their first journey the two were clearly complementary — Paul's zeal and creativity combined with Barnabas's common sense and practicality. Did Paul travel and work better alone? Or would he have taught and organized even better had Barnabas been with him to help fend off his enemies within and without the movement?
4. Were Paul's letters written for the ear, that is, to be read aloud, or for the eye, to be read by an individual?
5. What was the thorn in the flesh that afflicted Paul?

6. How can we account for the conflicts in Paul's writings? For example, at one point he says women cannot speak in church; at another he makes women deacons, which qualifies them to speak in church.
  
7. What would be the first question you would like to ask Paul if you should meet him?