

Interview with Paul

Based on Acts 16:39; 17:16–32; 18:18–28 and the Bible study (pp. 32–33)

Ask a man in your church to come to the meeting and share Paul's story through answering the questions below. He can wear a solid color blanket over his regular clothes (if biblical costumes are not available).

Introduce "Paul" and welcome him to the group. Use the following questions:

(1) Paul, we read that people asked you to leave Philippi. This gave you an opportunity to visit Thessalonica and Athens. How did you spend your time in Athens? (Acts 17:16–32)

PAUL: I talked with many people and answered questions. Not everyone was happy with me. I told them that God tells all people to change their hearts and lives. They laughed at me, but some believed.

(2) You traveled a lot! Tell us about some of your visits. (Acts 18:18–28)

PAUL: After some hard times in Corinth, the Lord spoke to me in a vision. He encouraged me: He said no one would hurt me there. Many people believed and were baptized. Then Priscilla and Aquila went with me to Ephesus. They were good teachers. We learned from each another. I stayed with the believers in Antioch a short time. Then I left for Syria with Priscilla and Aquila. We taught one another many things. First we learn . . . then we teach.

(3) What are some good memories?

PAUL: It was my joy to visit the churches I helped start. And I started others along the way. I understand the missionaries of today do the same work.

(4) Do you have any advice for us?

PAUL: We must always be learning and always be teaching.