

THE **BIG** PICTURE



MISSION

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ERA/GENRE

Mission & Epistles

KEY FIGURE

Paul

LOCATION

Roman Empire & Churches

STORYLINE

Paul _____ the church into the _____ Empire during the next two _____.

1st Missionary Journey

2nd Missionary Journey

3rd Missionary Journey

Imprisonment in Rome

STORYLINE

The Epistles are letters to churches and to individuals to _____ them and _____ them in the Christian faith.

Letters from Paul to Churches

Letters from Paul to Individuals

Letters to General Public

Nature of Epistles = Doctrine to Duty

MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. Read 1 Peter 2:9-10. What is the church called to do in this passage? According to this verse, what makes us qualified to do this?
2. 2 Timothy 1:13-14 calls us to “guard the treasure” of the gospel. How do we do this individually? How do we do this corporately? Why would this be so important?
3. Read Ephesians 5:1. What are the challenges given to believers in this verse? What would be the testimony of our lives if we lived out this verse daily?
4. The Epistles are letters to churches and individuals written to encourage and instruct the reader in the Christian faith. If Paul was writing a letter to you, what would it say? Where would he encourage you? What areas would he instruct you in? How would he challenge you to better imitate God and Jesus Christ?



Memory Verse

“Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

Ephesians 5:1