

# The Bible

## Week 5: Paul—An Instrument of God

### Group Time

#### Ice Breaker

#### Prayer

#### Worship

#### Introduction

Over the past several weeks we have been studying various elements of the Bible: It's truth; how we can use it in our lives; even how it came to us. In this study, we'll look at the perfect way God orchestrated the writing of much of the New Testament through the very imperfect apostle Paul and how God used Paul to spread the salvation message over the world—a message that still shapes us today.

#### Discussion Questions

1. Read Acts 9:15 **a.** What information did God tell Ananias about Paul? Read Acts 22:3 and 1 Corinthians 9:20. **b.** According to these verses, why was Paul uniquely qualified to write much of the New Testament?
2. Paul was also qualified to write the letters and spread the gospel because God prepared his heart for the task. Read 1 Corinthians 15:8-10. **a.** Within these verses, what characteristic of Paul do you see that enabled him to spread the gospel message so well? Read what Jesus said in Luke 14:11. **b.** How important does Jesus view humility? Discuss your answers using evidence from this verse and from Jesus' life.
3. Read John 13:34. **a.** Under the new covenant, we were given a new law. Describe that law. Read Philippians 2:1-9. **b.** How is humility related to the new law?
4. *God has a purpose or destiny for each of us and if we let him, as Paul did, he will prepare our hearts for whatever tasks he gives us. Read 1 Corinthians 15:8-10 again. How can we use this verse so we will be prepared for our tasks?*

#### Prayer/Ministry

### Taking It Home

#### Going Deeper

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**Memory Verse**

2 Peter 1:3 (NIV): “His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.”