

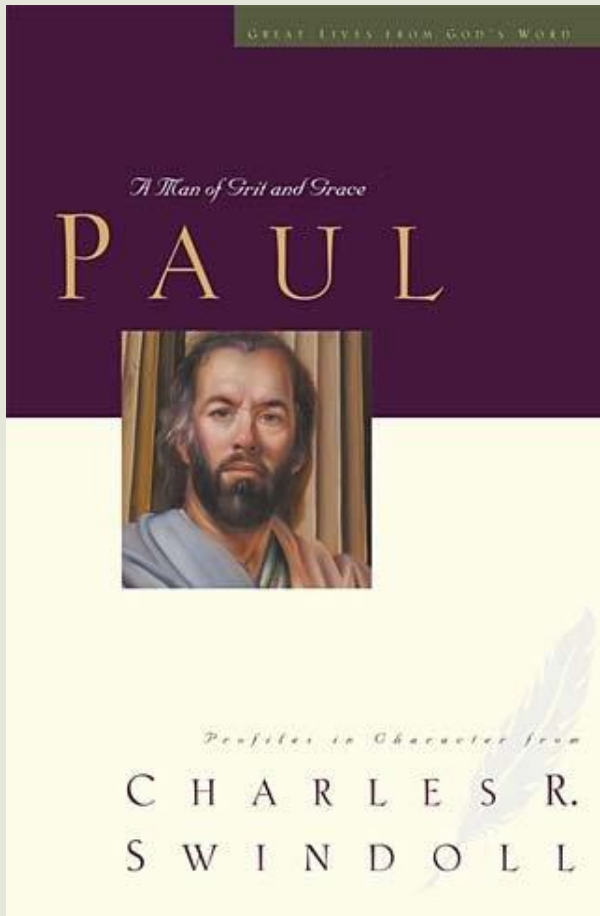
The background is a dark grey chalkboard with various white chalk sketches. On the left, there's a large drawing of a microscope. Above it, a globe of the Earth is sketched. In the bottom left, there's a stack of books. In the bottom center, an open book is shown with some illegible handwriting on its pages. To the right of the open book, there are sketches of a percentage sign (%), an exclamation point (!), and a less-than sign (<).

Paul – Lesson 12

New Testament Studies

CBC B&B Sunday School
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Source Material



Lesson 12 Intro...

- Acts 16:1-18:22 (~ AD 50-52):
 - Looking back at Paul's second missionary journey as a whole, Swindoll offers the following insights:
 - Traveling as Paul Traveled (Chapter 13; cf Acts 15:36-18:22)
 - Preaching as Paul Preached (Chapter 14; cf Acts 16-17)
 - Leading as Paul Led (Chapter 15; cf Acts 18; 1 Thess 2:1-12)

Acts 16-18 [NASB]

Swindoll's Insights
on Paul's Second Missionary Journey

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Paul's Second Missionary Journey



Traveling as Paul Traveled

- Leaving Syrian Antioch for Lystra
- From Lystra to the Phrygian / Galatian Region
- From Troas into Philippi
- From Philippi to Thessalonica / Berea
- From Berea to Athens
- From Athens to Corinth
- From Corinth to Ephesus

Traveling as Paul Traveled

- Leaving Syrian Antioch for Lystra – **When God Assemble His Team**
- From Lystra to the Phrygian / Galatian Region – **When God says No**
- From Troas into Philippi – **Being Content with open / closed doors**
- From Philippi to Thessalonica / Berea – **Godly ministry attracts enemies**
- From Berea to Athens – **Preaching as Paul Preached**
- From Athens to Corinth – **Leading as Paul Led**
- From Corinth to Ephesus – **Reflection**

Traveling as Paul Traveled

Missionary Journey Reflection:

- Enduring Scars from Philippi
- Recovering from Bruises from Lystra (1st journey)
- Taunted by mobs in Thessalonica
- Walking long distances in various weather conditions
- No comfortable lodging
- No health care / food rationing

Prepares for Third Journey

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****Anticipate rejection – there will always be those who reject, intrigued by, or believe in the truth.**

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Swindoll's Four Part Plan for Powerful Preaching:

- Always Stay on the Subject, which is Christ
- Always speak the truth without fear
- Always start where the audience is
- Always surrender the results to God

Lead as Paul Led

Class Discussion –

How do you define a leader?

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Questions