

Lesson 1**Getting to Know Paul****REFLECTION GUIDE****Welcome**

We're so glad you're here! This guide is designed to help you engage more deeply with The Candler Foundry's on-demand content—whether you're learning solo, facilitating a small group, or joining a community conversation.

As you watch the lesson, take notes on key themes, ideas, and questions that stand out to you. Pause the video when needed to reflect, jot down insights, or revisit an important section. Stay attentive to how the content connects with both your personal faith journey and issues that matter to your community.

Questions

- How does remembering that 1 Corinthians was written within a relationship—not as a detached manual—invitingly shift your expectations of Scripture?
- Reflection on the “communal” aspect of Paul as an author:
 - What do you learn about God's design for ministry when you see how Paul relied on others like Sosthenes, Timothy, and Silas?
 - How might Paul's collaborative approach challenge modern views of leadership, authority, or “celebrity” ministry?
 - Think about the voices that shape your own faith. In what ways is the gospel in your life also a product of teamwork?
- How could shifting from “me” questions to “we” questions transform your understanding of discipleship or church life?
- How does recognizing God's covenant with a people—rather than isolated individuals—change how we think about sin, forgiveness, or holiness?
- Of the six major ideas in this lesson, which challenges your assumptions about Paul or the Bible the most? Why?

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