

CALLED to FREEDOM

Tradition or Encounter?

Read the following verses:

Galatians 1:10-24

EXAMINING THE TEXT

1. Galatians 1:10-24 are a testimony of Paul's life. Why is Paul giving his testimony and what point is he trying to substantiate?
2. What was the turning point in Paul's life? Which verse points to this turning point?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Before Paul met Christ what did he value and what motivated him? Is there any evidence that he had a subjective experience of God?
2. Paul's conversion is exceptional because it is linked to his immediate commission to the Gentiles. In the various accounts of his conversion (Acts 9, 22, 26), how closely is his commission to the Gentiles linked?

THE HEART OF THE MATTER

1. Why do traditions have a hold on us?
2. How much of your Christian life is governed by tradition and how much is governed by an encounter with Jesus? Discuss with one another in your group and pray for each other.