



# Catholic Central Activity Guide

## Episode 50: Pauline Letters

### Diving Deeper

- ▶ For centuries, people have debated the meaning of St. Paul's letters. How can a better understanding of the culture at that time and the Bible as a whole help us interpret St. Paul's teachings?
- ▶ One of St. Paul's concerns in his letter to St. Timothy was people arguing about the law without understanding it. Even though these letters to St. Timothy were written 2,000 years ago, are St. Paul's concerns still relevant today?
- ▶ In 2006, Pope Benedict XVI credited St. Paul's letters with teaching that Christianity "had a universal value and concerned everyone, because God is the God of everyone." St. Paul taught that all people were equal, "all are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28). Why was this a radical teaching at the time? Why is this an important fundamental belief in Christianity?

### Go Forth

- ▶ St. Paul's letters challenge all Christians to be more like Jesus. How can we improve our own lives of holiness so that others might get a glimpse of the grace and truth of Christ?
- ▶ Read the story of St. Paul's conversion to Christianity in Acts 9. Saul is blinded by an unexpected encounter with the Risen Christ and then healed by the prayers of the Church. After this experience, Saul changed his entire life, even his name.
  - ▶ Ask St. Paul to pray for you as you reflect on his conversion experience. Consider the last time you had a personal encounter with Jesus.
  - ▶ In quiet prayer, take a moment to thank Jesus for how the Church helps you to personally encounter Him through Reconciliation and the Eucharist.
  - ▶ As a member of the Church, pray for others who are on journeys of conversion.



### Resources

- ▶ [Biblical Account of St. Paul's Conversion: Acts 9](#)
- ▶ [Catholic Central Episode: The Bible](#)
- ▶ [Pope Benedict XVI on Saint Paul: General Audience October 25, 2006](#)

