

# Pauline Mission Tour Preparation Guide

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**Purpose:** This trip is designed specifically so that participants will be able to construct a biblically founded philosophy and methodology of missions by retracing the steps of Paul.

**Expectations:** You are expected to understand the culture, philosophy, geography, architecture, and sociology of Paul's day in order to correctly interpret and apply his mission strategy in the various cultural environments you will enter.

**Suggested Readings:** (Aside from the biblical texts listed below)

- Week 1-3: A travel guide to Turkey (available through your local library)
- Week 4: "Life in the Big City" at <http://markmoore.org/resources/essays/bigcity.pdf>
- Week 5-7: A travel guide to Athens (available through your local library)
- Week 8: Peter Walker, *In the Steps of Paul: An Illustrated Guide* (Zondervan, 2008).
- Week 9-12: A travel guide to Rome (available through your local library)

**Lists:** Please begin several lists: (These will be very important for you on our trip!)

1. Questions to ask—These can be about culture, theology, missions, or Scripture.
2. Things to pack—A list of suggestions will be provided near our time of departure but you may have peculiar interests based on some of your reading.
3. Places to see/Things to do

**Charts:** There are three charts to fill out as you do your reading:

1. Paul's relationship with People
2. Paul's missionary strategies
3. The Holy Spirit's role in global evangelism







## **WEEK 1**

### **February 1**

Find a map of Paul's first missionary journey. Here are a couple online:

[http://www.apostlepaulthefilm.com/paul/journey\\_01.htm](http://www.apostlepaulthefilm.com/paul/journey_01.htm)

[http://www.bible-history.com/pauls\\_first\\_mission\\_map/index.html](http://www.bible-history.com/pauls_first_mission_map/index.html)

How do people in Turkey dress?

**Reading: Acts 13**

### **February 2**

Locate these places in Acts 14 on a modern map of Turkey

What language is spoken in Turkey?

**Reading: Acts 14**

### **February 3**

What will the climate be like while we are there?

Find the name of one early church father who lived in Turkey. What was his contribution to the church?

**Reading: Acts 15**

### **February 4**

Trace Paul's Second Missionary Journey: <http://www.apostlepaulthefilm.com/paul/journeys.htm>

What are the major sites in Turkey you just don't want to miss?

**Reading: Acts 16**

### **February 5**

Spend some time looking at some of the photos of Athens: <http://www.cogwriter.com/athens.htm>

Are there any precautions you should take while in Turkey?

Further Research: What dominant philosophies permeated Paul's world?

**Reading: Acts 17**

### **February 6**

Take a virtual tour of Corinth:

<http://www.sacred-destinations.com/greece/corinth-pictures/index.htm>

Are there any health risks in Turkey?

**Reading: Acts 18**

### **February 7**

Trace Paul's Third Missionary Journey:

What sports in Turkey do people most enjoy?

**Reading: Acts 19**

**Write out a prayer of what you hope to receive from this trip:**

## **WEEK 2**

### **February 8**

How are women viewed in Turkey?  
What advice does Paul give here on pastoral leadership?

**Reading: Acts 20**

### **February 9**

Where is Galatia on the map?  
What are the most popular souvenirs in Turkey?

**Reading: Galatians 1**

### **February 10**

What was the primary religious background of Galatia in Paul's day?  
What is the primary religious background of Turkey today?

**Reading: Galatians 2**

### **February 11**

What are favorite pastimes in Turkey?  
What is the physical terrain like in northern Turkey (Galatia)?

**Reading: Galatians 3**

### **February 12**

What are the Turks proud of historically?  
How far north did their empire extend at its height?

**Reading: Galatians 4**

### **February 13**

What is Paul's overall theological emphasis in this book?:  
What form of government does Turkey have?

**Reading: Galatians 5**

### **February 14**

What is the local currency called? How much is it worth compared to U.S. dollars? What is the average income in Turkey?

**Reading: Galatians 6**

**Write out a prayer of what you hope to experience on this trip:**

### **WEEK 3**

#### **February 15**

**Reading: Ephesians 1**

Where is Ephesus located (on a modern map)?

How many acres have been unearthed in the archaeology of Ephesus?

#### **February 16**

**Reading: Ephesians 2**

Take a virtual tour of Ephesus: <http://www.sailturkey.com/panoramas/ephesus/>

Further investigation: What did racism look like in the ancient world?

#### **February 17**

**Reading: Ephesians 3**

Find a picture of the Ephesian theater. How many people can it seat?

Make a list of all the pastors who served the ancient church of Ephesus.

#### **February 18**

**Reading: Ephesians 4**

What was the name of the main street in Ephesus? What did it look like?

What portions of the NT were addressed to Ephesus?

#### **February 19**

**Reading: Ephesians 5**

What did the temple of Artemis look like? What did the goddess look like? What was her role?

What types of entertainment were common in ancient Ephesus?

#### **February 20**

**Reading: Ephesians 6**

What kind of bathroom facilities can we expect in Turkey?

What challenges did Timothy face when he was the Pastor of this church?

#### **February 21**

**Reading: 1 Timothy 1**

When did the church in Ephesus begin its decline?

Further research: What was the legal system like in Paul's day? What were jails like?

**Write out a prayer expressing your heart to God for the kind of ministry you hope he entrusts to you:**

## **WEEK 4**

### **February 22**

What are the favorite foods and drinks of Turkey?  
How close is Turkey to entering the EU?

**Reading: 1 Timothy 2**

### **February 23**

What is the time difference between Turkey and the US central standard time?  
Whatever became of the seven churches mentioned in Revelation?

**Reading: 1 Timothy 3**

### **February 24**

What mission organizations are currently working in Turkey?  
Name the workers and what you could pray for them about.

**Reading: 1 Timothy 4**

### **February 25**

What will buying be like in the market place?  
What are appropriate and inappropriate bartering tactics?

**Reading: 1 Timothy 5**

### **February 26**

What are some of the major archaeological features of Ephesus?  
The following site will help you: <http://www.sitesandphotos.com/kb/pages/1194.html>

**Reading: 1 Timothy 6**

### **February 27**

What are the major cities of modern Turkey?  
Further Investigation: Describe health and medicine of the ancient world.

**Reading: 2 Timothy 1**

### **February 28**

Will you be able to use a phone card in Turkey? What about a cell phone?  
Where was Paul when he wrote 2 Timothy and what were his physical conditions like?

**Reading: 2 Timothy 2**

**Write a prayer for the other participants of the group and the relationships that will develop:**

## **WEEK 5**

### **March 1**

Are there ATM's in Turkey?  
What are the major holidays in Turkey?

**Reading: 2 Timothy 3**

### **March 2**

Find Patmos on a map. (Locate Lesbos while you're at it).  
How many miles is it from Patmos to Ephesus?

**Reading: Revelation 1**

### **March 3**

Locate the seven churches of Revelation on a modern map of Turkey.  
How many of these cities will we get to visit?

**Reading: Revelation 2**

### **March 4**

Learn to say "Hello," "Where's the bathroom" and "thank you" in Turkey.  
Find a Mediterranean restaurant in your area and plan a meal there.

**Reading: Revelation 3**

### **March 5**

Find Philippi and the river where the church started. If you can, look this up on Google Earth and see what the area around the city looks like.  
Will there be internet services available in Turkey?

**Reading: Philippians 1**

### **March 6**

How far is Philippi from Istanbul? Are they on the same continent? Are they in the same country?  
Will anyone in Athens speak English?

**Reading: Philippians 2**

### **March 7**

How do women's roles and status differ from Turkey and Greece?  
Is Macedonia the same in modern Greece as it was in ancient times?

**Reading: Philippians 3**

**Write out a prayer asking God to help you live these scriptures:**

## **WEEK 6**

### **March 8**

**Reading: Philippians 4**

What kind of road conditions can we expect when we drive to Philippi?  
How close were the ancient roads to the modern ones? Do any still exist? How were they constructed?

### **March 9**

**Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1**

Locate Thessalonica on a map. How far is it from Philippi?  
What do you absolutely not want to miss in Philippi and Thessalonica?

### **March 10**

**Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2**

How did women's roles differ in the Ancient world of the Jews, Asians, Macedonians, Greeks, and Romans?  
Which is the largest city: Philippi, Thessalonica, Athens? What were their ancient populations?

### **March 11**

**Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3**

How many different flights will we be on during our trip and how many days on a bus?  
What flowers or fruits will be in season while we are in Turkey and Greece?

### **March 12**

**Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4**

How did the Greeks and Romans educate their children? What subjects did they teach?  
How far would Paul have to travel from Thessalonica to get to a boat going to Athens?

### **March 13**

**Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5**

What is the dominant religion in Thessalonica today?  
Are there any current events happening in Thessalonica of political or social interest?

### **March 14**

**Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1**

What is the closest we will be to Iraq on this trip?  
What is the nearest war zone to Greece?

**Write out a prayer expressing your heart to be a peacemaker on earth and ask God to teach you on this trip the issues much of the world is facing that we do not:**

## **WEEK 7**

### **March 15**

**Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2**

What archaeological work is still being done in Thessalonica?  
How close are we to Berea? What is there to see there?

### **March 16**

**Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3**

Further Investigation: What were the major forms of entertainment for the Greeks?  
What role did Delphi play in the religion of the Greeks?

### **March 17**

**Reading: 1 Corinthians 1**

How long will it take to get to Corinth from Athens and what will the countryside look like?  
Is Corinth a modern city?

### **March 18**

**Reading: 1 Corinthians 2**

What bodies of water surround Corinth?  
Is Corinth still wealthy? Is it still sexual impure?

### **March 19**

**Reading: 1 Corinthians 3**

Should we drink the water in Athens?  
Further Investigation: What kinds of things did the Greeks invent?

### **March 20**

**Reading: 1 Corinthians 4**

How should we dress in Corinth?  
Further Investigation: When was the Acropolis at its peak?

### **March 21**

**Reading: 1 Corinthians 5**

How far is Athens from the Ocean?  
What kind of food is a major staple in Athens?

**Write out a prayer asking God to show you how you could participate in intellectual and or cultural evangelism:**

## **WEEK 8**

### **March 22**

**Reading: 1 Corinthians 6**

How large will our hotel rooms and our beds be?  
What is rhetoric and how was it evaluated in the ancient world?

### **March 23**

**Reading: 1 Corinthians 7**

What are the major tourist attractions in Athens?  
How close will we be to the Olympic stadium of the first modern Olympics in 1896?

### **March 24**

**Reading: 1 Corinthians 8**

Can we expect electricity and running water the whole time we're in Athens?  
Rent the movie *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*.

### **March 25**

**Reading: 1 Corinthians 9**

Are Athens and Corinth in the same country?  
How far is Mars Hill from the Acropolis? How many temples make up the Acropolis?

### **March 26**

**Reading: 1 Corinthians 10**

What archaeology is still being done in Athens?  
What are some of the unique architectural and liturgical features of the Greek Orthodox church?

### **March 27**

**Reading: 1 Corinthians 11**

Why was Corinth such a major economic center of the Roman world?  
Who is the president of Greece?

### **March 28**

**Reading: 1 Corinthians 12**

What is the major religion of Greece?  
Has there been any political unrest recently in Greece?

**Write out a prayer for the unity of our tour group and our mutual edification:**

## **WEEK 9**

### **March 29**

**Reading: 1 Corinthians 13**

Is Greece friendly politically to the U.S.?  
What kind of souvenirs are they famous for?

### **March 30**

**Reading: 1 Corinthians 14**

Name all the people involved in the Corinthian church based on Acts 18 and 1 Corinthians 1.  
How did these individuals contribute to and hinder the growth of the church?

### **March 31**

**Reading: 1 Corinthians 15**

How would Paul have gotten from Athens to Corinth and from Corinth to Ephesus?  
What other modes of transportation were available?

### **April 1**

**Reading: 1 Corinthians 16**

What is the currency of Greece?  
Find a CD of Greek music and listen to it.

### **April 2**

**Reading: 2 Corinthians 1**

What might a native costume in Greece look like?  
What was the relationship between Greece and Rome like during Paul's day?

### **April 3**

**Reading: 2 Corinthians 2**

Where did Helen of Troy live? (The country, not the city . . . duh?)  
What did house churches look like? How many could actually fit in them?

### **April 4**

**Reading: 2 Corinthians 3**

Where would the meat market be located in relationship to the Temple of Apollo?  
Where did the Olympic games begin and what were the primary events?

**Write out a prayer asking that God would use what you learn on this trip to transform the mission strategy of your church:**

## **WEEK 10**

### **April 5**

**Reading: 2 Corinthians 4**

What is the political system that governs Greece?  
Name three ancient philosophers and a couple of playwrights from ancient Athens.

### **April 6**

**Reading: 2 Corinthians 5**

Who burned the Acropolis? In what year? And what is his role in the Bible?  
What is the political relationship between Athens and Turkey?

### **April 7**

**Reading: 2 Corinthians 6**

Where was Alexander the Great from?  
Did Paul use his secular education in his sermon to the Areopagus in Acts 17?

### **April 8**

**Reading: 2 Corinthians 7**

What will traffic be like in Athens? What is the easiest transportation system in Athens?  
What is the air quality like in Athens?

### **April 9**

**Reading: 2 Corinthians 8**

What are appropriate behaviors when going through customs? What can we expect after 9/11?  
What kind of foods did the Greeks and Romans eat and how was it prepared?

### **April 10**

**Reading: 2 Corinthians 9**

Watch this 4:36 minute video of Athens from the 2004 Olympics:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=unaRdsa9siA>  
What is the population of Christians in Greece?

### **April 11**

**Reading: 2 Corinthians 10**

Can a modern Greek person read the ancient Greek of the New Testament?  
What sciences and art were the ancient Greeks famous for?

**Write a prayer for your friends and family that they would participate and benefit from your trip:**

## **WEEK 11**

### **April 12**

**Reading: 2 Corinthians 11**

What is the difference between Orthodox Churches and Catholic Churches?  
Will we need an interpreter in Italy?

### **April 13**

**Reading: 2 Corinthians 12**

How far is Corinth from Cyprus, Crete, Malta, and Rome?  
What are the primary industries of Greece?  
Pick up the Oddessy and read a portion of it.

### **April 14**

**Reading: 2 Corinthians 13**

How many islands surround Greece?  
Is Greece a member of the UN? The European Common Market?

### **April 15**

**Reading: Romans 1**

Trace the steps of Paul on the 3<sup>rd</sup> missionary journey:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=unaRdsa9siA>  
Who are they gypsies?

### **April 16**

**Reading: Romans 2**

Check out and watch a travel video about Rome from your local library.  
How can we be safe from pick pockets?

### **April 17**

**Reading: Romans 3**

Locate the Seven Hills of Rome.  
List your must-see sights of Rome

### **April 18**

**Reading: Romans 4**

How extensive was the Roman Empire at its greatest? How did the government operate?  
Trace the steps of Paul on the 4<sup>th</sup> missionary journey:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=unaRdsa9siA>

**Write a prayer expressing your desire that his kingdom would extend across the globe:**

## **WEEK 12**

### **April 19**

What is the currency of Rome?  
Is it an expensive city?

**Reading: Romans 5**

### **April 20**

How large is Vatican City? Where is it located?  
What kind of food will we find in Rome?

**Reading: Romans 6**

### **April 21**

Will we need to be conscious about being loud Americans in Rome?  
How and when was the city of Rome founded?

**Reading: Romans 7**

### **April 22**

Observations about architecture: What are the three different kinds of pillars we will see in ancient buildings?  
Are Italians generally reserved? Friendly?

**Reading: Romans 8**

### **April 23**

What is the difference between Carolinian, Romanesque, Baroque, and Gothic architecture?  
What is the major sport in Italy?

**Reading: Romans 9**

### **April 24**

What is the major river that runs through Rome?  
Will there be many places to shop? Will we be bargaining there?

**Reading: Romans 10**

### **April 25**

Where are the catacombs and how extensive are they?  
How long did it take to build St. Peter's?

**Reading: Romans 11**

**Write a prayer asking God to use you to build his kingdom and reveal to you your particular role in it.**

## **WEEK 13**

### **April 26**

List some of the major painters you hope to see in the Vatican Museum.

Get online and take a virtual tour of the Vatican Museum:

[http://mv.vatican.va/3\\_EN/pages/MV\\_Visite.html](http://mv.vatican.va/3_EN/pages/MV_Visite.html)

**Reading: Romans 12**

### **April 27**

How far inland is Rome? What is its major port?

What phone numbers should one have if s/he is pick pocketed in order to safeguard credit cards?

**Reading: Romans 13**

### **April 28**

Is Italy generally pro-American?

Who were the emperors through the N.T. Era?

**Reading: Romans 14**

### **April 29**

How long will our flight take to get home?

Name three famous living Italians.

How did early Christians use and transform art?

**Reading: Romans 15**

### **April 30**

How far from Rome were the major cities of the reformation?

What time will the sun set on the last day we're in Rome?

**Reading: Romans 16**

**Write a prayer asking God to open up Scriptures to you with new insights:**