"Called to Others" The Call Sermon Series October 2, 2016

Paul grew up in **Tarsus** as a devout **Jew** and wealthy **Roman** citizen and studied in **Jerusalem**.

He was a **persecutor** of the early followers of **Jesus** until he met Jesus in a blinding light on the road to **Damascus**.

After three years in the Arabian Desert, Paul returns home until **Barnabas** encourages him to return to Jerusalem.

Barnabas and Paul travel 1,580 miles to Cyprus, Perga, Pisidian Antioch, and preach in the Jewish synagogues.

The "Second" missionary journey is with Silas to Philippi. In Philippi, they are stripped, beaten, flogged and imprisoned.

I. The "Second" Missionary Journey Continues to Thessalonica
Then miles to Beroea, then on alone to Athens, Greece.
Intellectuals and philosophers gathered in the m
Acts 17:24-25, God does not need a!
(26-29) We are God's c
F came to faith under Paul's leadership in Athens.
Those f were the foundation for millions in the Greek Church.
"Christ saves sinners, only sinners." Bishop Will Willimon While we were still weak, at the right moment, Christ died for ungodly people (Romans 5:6 CEB).
II. Paul goes to C and spends a year and a half there. C is a port city with shopping, taverns, and brothels. Acts 18:9-11, "The Lord to Paul 'Do not be a" In the four years after Paul's visit, he will write f letters. The letters are about correcting d, or party rhetoric.
III. Paul Writes to the Church to Who do you love? Who else comes to mind? (1 Cor. 13:4-7) is patient
Action Step: Intentionally engage your this week with love. Read (1 John 4:18-21) each day this week.