

III. MISSION

DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR SESSION 3



“... when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel for the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel for the circumcised, and when James and Cephas and John, who were acknowledged pillars, recognized the grace that had been given to me, they gave to Barnabas and me the right hand of fellowship, agreeing that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. They asked only one thing, that we remember the poor, which was actually what I was eager to do.”

Galatians 2 (NRSV)

1. What three characteristics of Paul do both Luke and Paul agree upon?
2. In what three ways did Luke “upgrade” Paul’s reputation?
3. How do Paul and Luke differ in claiming Paul’s identity as “apostle?”
4. What are the three major differences between the missional strategies of Paul and Barnabas? (See also *Eclipsing Empire* reader, page 12)
5. What was behind Paul’s “capital-ist” strategy?
6. Who were the “God-worshippers”?
7. Where do you see this information influencing your spirituality? The church? The world?