

The Rev. Juancho Campanano
Paul's World & Mission
10 Day Pilgrimage in Greece: 20-29 January 2025
4 Day Elective: Paul in Asia & the Apocalypse returning 2 February 2025

Course Outline

Objectives:

- To provide an overview of the geographical, social and cultural setting of Paul's ministry.
- To identify key ingredients in Paul's missionary strategies.
- To become acquainted with the key issues in Pauline studies.
- To become acquainted with contemporary mission issues.
- To become acquainted with the concept of contextualization in missionary theory.
- To understand the meaning of mission in the context of modern Greece.
- To study Paul's letters with an interest in learning the ingredients of community building for today's churches: harmony in spite of differences, unity with diversity, managing diversity.

Suggested reading:

1. Balch, David L. and John E. Stambaugh. *The New Testament in its Social Environment*. Philadelphia: the Westminster Press, 1986.
2. Cline, Eric H., *Biblical Archaeology: A Very Short Introduction*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2009.
3. Fredriksen, Paula. *Paul: The Pagan's Apostle*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2017.
4. Gill, David W.J., Trebilco, Paul R., Walton, Steve, eds. *The Urban World and the First Christians*. Grand Rapids: Wm B. Eerdmans Publishing Co, 2017.
5. Meeks, Wayne A. *The First Urban Christians: The Social World of the Apostle Paul*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1983.
6. Miano, Peter J. *The Word of God and the World of the Bible: an Introduction to the Cultural Backgrounds of the New Testament*. London: Melisende, 2001.
7. Murphy-O'Connor. *Paul the Letter Writer: His World, His Options, His Skills*. Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 1995.
8. Phillips, Thomas E. *Paul, His Letters, and Acts*. Peabody, Mass.: Hendricksen Publishers, 2009.
9. Sanders, E.P. *Paul*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1991.

Daily Itinerary:

Day 1: Depart Chicago, USA
20.1, M

- Day 2:
21.1, Tu Arrive Thessaloniki, touring as time permits,
Old City walls, Citadel, St. Demetrius Church, Arch of Galerius (Acts 17:
4, 12), transfer to hotel for dinner, introductions and group building
overnight in Thessaloniki
- Day 3:
22.1, W Theme: Introduction to Classical Greece
Field trip: Pella (birthplace of Alexander the Great), Vergina, Royal
Macedonian tombs
overnight in Thessaloniki
- Day 4:
23.1, Th Theme: Introduction to Hellenism
AM forum: From Alexander to Jesus
Field trip: Thessaloniki, Via Ignatia, Philippi, Kavala/Neapolis (Acts 16: 9-
33).
overnight in Thessaloniki
- Day 5:
24.1, F Theme: Classical Athens
AM forum: The Perils of Pauline Studies
Fieldtrip: transfer to airport, flight to Athens, driving tour of Athens,
Acropolis, Parthenon, Erectheum, Mars Hill/Areopagus, (Acts 17). Dinner
on your own.
overnight in Athens
- Day 6:
25.1, Sa Theme: Classical I Hellenistic Athens
Field trip: The Athenian agora: the Stoa of Attalos, Hephaestion, The
Roman agora: Tower of the Winds, Library of Hadrian, Plaka, Acropolis
Museum, Dinner on your own.
overnight in Athens
- Day 7:
26.1, Su Theme: Free day
Dinner on your own.
overnight in Athens
- Day 8:
27.1, M Theme: Paul in Corinth
Field trip: Corinthian Canal, Corinth excavations, museum, view Acro-
Corinth, Mycenae. Dinner on your own.
overnight in Peloponessus
- Day 9:
28.1, Tu Theme: Religious Cults in Paul's World
Field trip: Paleo Epidaurus, Theatre, Asklepion, Propylaia, Museum,
Nafplio, optional: Palamidi Castle. Dinner on your own.
overnight in Peloponessus
- Day 10
29.1, W transfer to Venezelos Airport, return to USA

4 Day Elective: Paul in Asia & the Churches of the Apocalypse

- Day 10 Theme: East Meets West
29.1, W Field trip: Transfer to airport, flight to Izmir
 Overnight Ayvalik (Dinner included)
- Day 11 Theme: John and the Book of Revelation
30.1, Th Field trip: Bergama/Pergamum, acropolis, Temple of Trajan, Altar of
 Zeus, theatre, Asclepeion
 Overnight in Kusadasi (Dinner included)
- Day 12 Theme: Theme: Empire, Paul and the Early Churches
31.1, F Field trip: Ephesus, visit the Church of the Virgin Mary, theatre, Library
 of Celsus, agora, Arcadia Street, Curetes Street, State Agora, optional
 visit to the slope houses
 Overnight in Kusadasi (Dinner included)
- Day 13 Theme: Free day
1.2, Sa Field trip: the Artemision, Selcuk Museum, St. John's Basilica, Pollio
 Aqueduct, the Issa Bey Mosque
 Overnight in Kusadasi (Dinner included)
- Day 14 Transfer to airport, return to USA
2.2, Su

- Lectures: (the following topics can be addressed in morning and evening fora. Topics may be covered in more than one session)
- “From Alexander to Paul: The Influence of Hellenism on Paul’s Writings”
 - “The Search for the Historical Paul”: What do we know about Paul and how do we know it?
 - The Johannine Churches and the Apocalypse
 - “The Social Setting of Paul’s Churches”: Textual and extra textual clues of the social dynamics in Paul’s churches.
 - “The Cult of Asclepius and its Influence on Christianity”
 - “Models of Modern Mission”
 - “Ingredients of Effective Mission”
 - “Managing Diversity in Today’s Churches”