## A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study Date: April 23, 2023 Galatians 1:11-2:10

- 1. What did Paul ask the Galatians in 1:10, at the end of last week's text?
- 2. How does Paul begin this week's text in verses 11-12?

Why do you think it was so important to know the origin of the gospel that Paul preached?

- 3. Why does Paul tell the Galatians about his way of life in Judaism in verses 13-20?
  - a. To show that the Gospel he was preaching did not come from a man.
  - b. To show that this Gospel was different from what he had learned his whole life.
  - c. To show what a drastic change had taken place in his life, that would not have been brought on by human influence or anything else aside from a supernatural revelation from Jesus Christ.
  - d. That kind of drastic change came with a conviction that the Gospel he came to trust was true and he would not sit quietly while people go back to what they had before and deny that Gospel.
  - e. To show that the Gospel didn't even come from church leaders, but from Christ himself.
- 4. Why was Paul so concerned with whether this message came from men or from God?
  - a. Because he had just said that even if he and his companions preached another Gospel, they should not follow it.
  - b. Because there were so many people preaching a Gospel of human origin with obvious human motivations.
  - c. Because he didn't respect the church leaders in Jerusalem and wanted to make sure everybody followed him instead.
  - d. Because he wanted to show how he was better than the other apostles.
- 5. What is the significance of verse 15 (See also Jeremiah 1:4-10)?
- 6. Do you believe that God has a plan for your life? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_ When do you think that plan began? \_\_\_\_\_
- Does this mean that Paul had no mentors and was never affirmed by the church prior to going to Jerusalem (see Galatians 1:18-20, Acts 9:26-30, and Acts 11:25-30)?
  Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_ Explain. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. How do we balance the importance of the message and voice of God with accountability and respect for the affirmation of those whom God has called and placed in authority?