**Text Application Questions for Galatians 1:16-24 – Paul the Disciple**

**Southgate Alliance Church, October 25, 2020**

Read Galatians 1:15-24

What was Paul’s purpose in writing this biographical sketch in verses 16-24? What is the logic of his overall argument in this part of Galatians? Note the summary statement in 1:11-12.

v. 16(b) *I did not immediately consult with anyone…* Why is this important for Paul’s argument?

What do you think Paul was doing in Arabia for three years? Note that he also went to Syria (Antioch) and Cilicia (Tarsus) for several years (note the *after fourteen years* in 2:1).

This was a long time of waiting for a zealous, gifted man like Paul. What are some other biblical examples of God’s servants waiting on the Lord?

Have you had times of waiting on the Lord? What have you learned during those seasons?

What was the purpose of Paul’s first visit to Jerusalem as a Christian? What kinds of things do you think Peter and Paul talked about for those fifteen days?

Paul appears to be on the defensive. What accusation(s) was he responding to in these verses?

When the churches of Judea heard about Paul, how did they respond? Why?

How does this section of Galatians help prove Pauls’ case that he is not preaching man’s gospel?