

DISCIPLESHIP AND SPIRITUAL THEOLOGY – GALATIANS 2:1-16 – PART III.

Study Notes

In this passage we see what happened during Paul's second visit to Jerusalem after his conversion. He had gone from Damascus, to Arabia, and then after 3 years made a private visit to Jerusalem to visit Peter. He left and ended up back in his hometown in Tarsus in Cilicia. Then Barnabas came and visited with him and took him to Antioch in Syria where the believers were first called Christians. Paul continues with his testimony or spiritual journey to show the validity of his understanding of the gospel that he presented to them on his first missionary visit. In this passage there are two meetings: one in Jerusalem and the other in Antioch. They explain much about the issues and concerns of Paul, the Jerusalem Christians, and the Galatians. Here are some questions to consider.

1. List the people who are at the meeting in Jerusalem, what are the issues and dynamics that you observe.
2. Do the same for the meeting in Antioch.
3. What are the things that cause tension and conflict and how are they resolved
4. What do you consider to be the main truth of this passage.
5. How does this passage speak to us today? As individuals, as part of the church, and society.