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This most recent LifeGuide, *The Jesus Paul Knew*, is written by James W. Reapsome. This ten-session study guide leads us through the growth in the apostle Paul's knowledge of Jesus and how it changed his life, when at pivotal points he intersected with Jesus. Reapsome has authored or coauthored five other LifeGuides, and he was a pastor and served as editor of *Evangelical Missions Quarterly* and the *World Pulse* newsletter. He was also the coeditor of *Innovation in Mission*.

"The apostle Paul experienced an extraordinary encounter with Jesus that changed the trajectory of his life," writes Reapsome. "In Scripture, we witness Paul learning more about Jesus—about his remarkable grace, peace, power, love, and sacrifice—and then passionately sharing his message with others. This passion is what eventually led Paul to declare, 'For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain' (Philippians 1:21). In recent years, scholars have tended to focus more on Paul's foundational theology, but we can learn so much from Paul and what it looks like to obey Jesus in the everyday tests of faith."

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