

Dear All,

This week we look follow what happens as the early Jewish church spreads and starts to include gentiles into their community. We are in a whole new kind of literature!

You will find the video link [HERE](#) or here: <http://bit.ly/3URHBWw>

Optional Questions:

1. What did you hear that was new or that stirred up questions for you?
2. How would you explain the purpose and format of the New Testament letters in your own words?
3. Glance through the letters included in the New Testament. Which ones are you familiar with and which seem less known?

Additional Readings:

1. If you identified some of the letters in the New Testament that are not familiar to you, then take some time this week to read and ponder those letters.
2. Read 1 and 2 Peter. Can you identify how these are different? Do they seem like the same author? How would you describe the “personality” of these two letters?

Additional Resources:

1. There are several podcast episodes with Israel Bible Center. I talked with scholars on the complicated messages in Paul’s writings. Dig into Romans in a three part series: [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), [Part 3](#)
2. More podcasts on how a single author can have very different sounding letters written to different audiences. Context Matters! [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#)