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Dear Friends in Christ,

In 2005 I was privileged to travel to Rome with other pastors to study Paul's writings - particularly Romans - in the context of the 1st century Roman Empire. In 2009 I was fortunate to travel to Israel, Palestine, and Jordan with other pastors to study the gospels in their 1st century context. These pilgrimages were transformational and strengthened my understanding, teaching, and proclamation of the gospel. My only regret was not having been able to make such trips earlier in my ministry, rather than after 29 and 33 years of pastoral service.

In the spring of 2023, there will be a Biblical immersion for pastors, rostered leaders, church professionals, and anyone over the age of 18 who is serious about studying scripture and growing their understanding of the first century Christian movement. "[In Search of Paul](#)" will take place April 11-27, 2023.

As a host, one of my hopes for these trips is that pastors, rostered leaders, and church professionals of all ages might avail themselves of this opportunity. The cost is \$4,390 with almost all expenses included. That is not cheap, but on a per day basis it's much lower than other such trips I have seen. Nevertheless, we all know that for people without as much financial reserve or perhaps a young family such a cost may be prohibitive.

If your congregation has a pastor, rostered leader, or lay professional that is interested in going, I encourage you to find a way, beyond or as a supplement to their established continuing education monies, to assist them. I believe that it will be a good investment in the life of the person going, your congregation, and the community you serve.

Deadline for registration is October 2, 2022. If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact me at [donmcarlson@gmail.com](mailto:donmcarlson@gmail.com).

In Christ,



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