

STUDY SESSION 6

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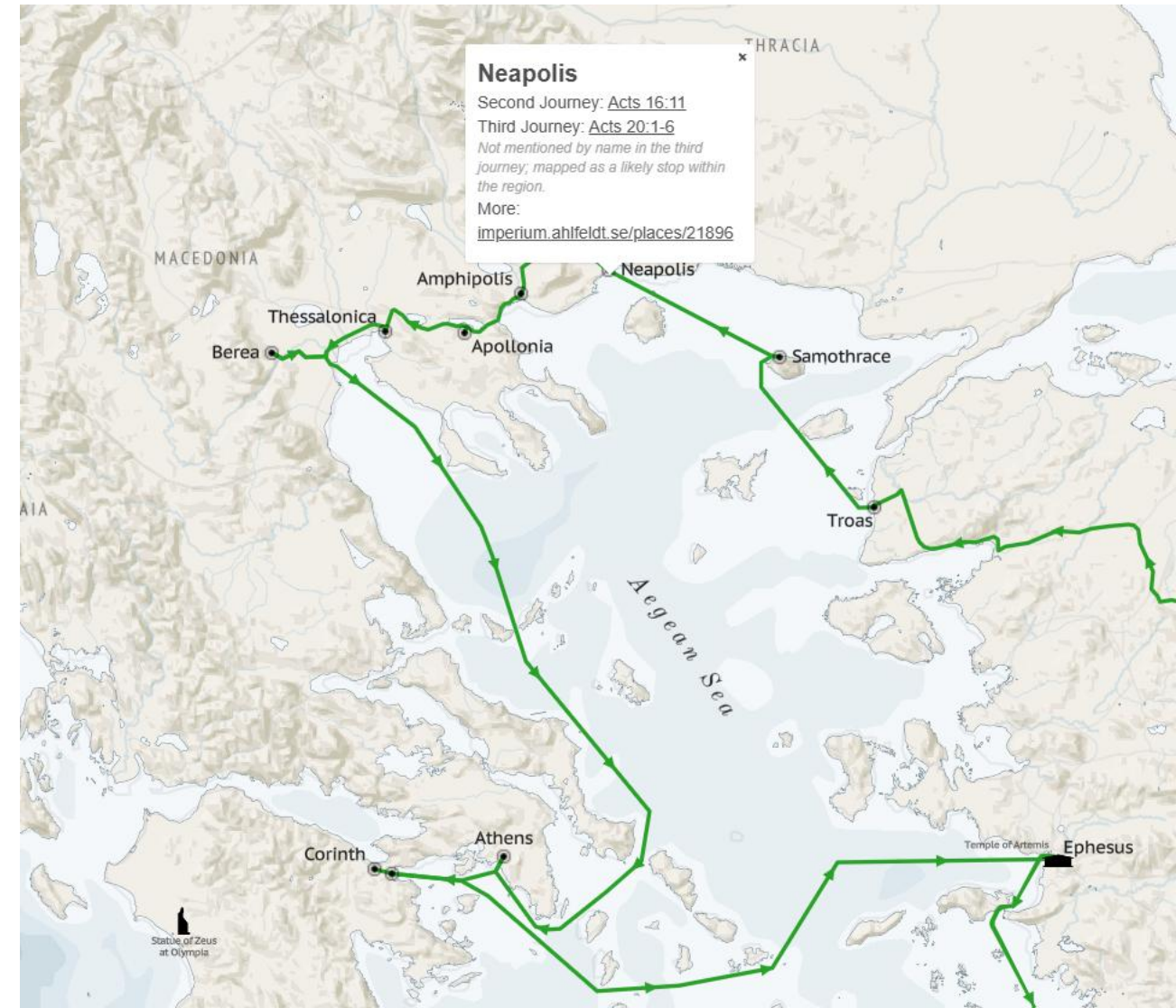
Paul's Gateway to Europe



NEAPOLIS

THE GATEWAY TO EUROPE

- Neapolis (modern-day Kavala) was Paul's first landing point in Europe (Acts 16:11).
- A thriving port city connecting Asia and Europe.
- Vital trade and travel hub along the Via Egnatia, a major Roman road.



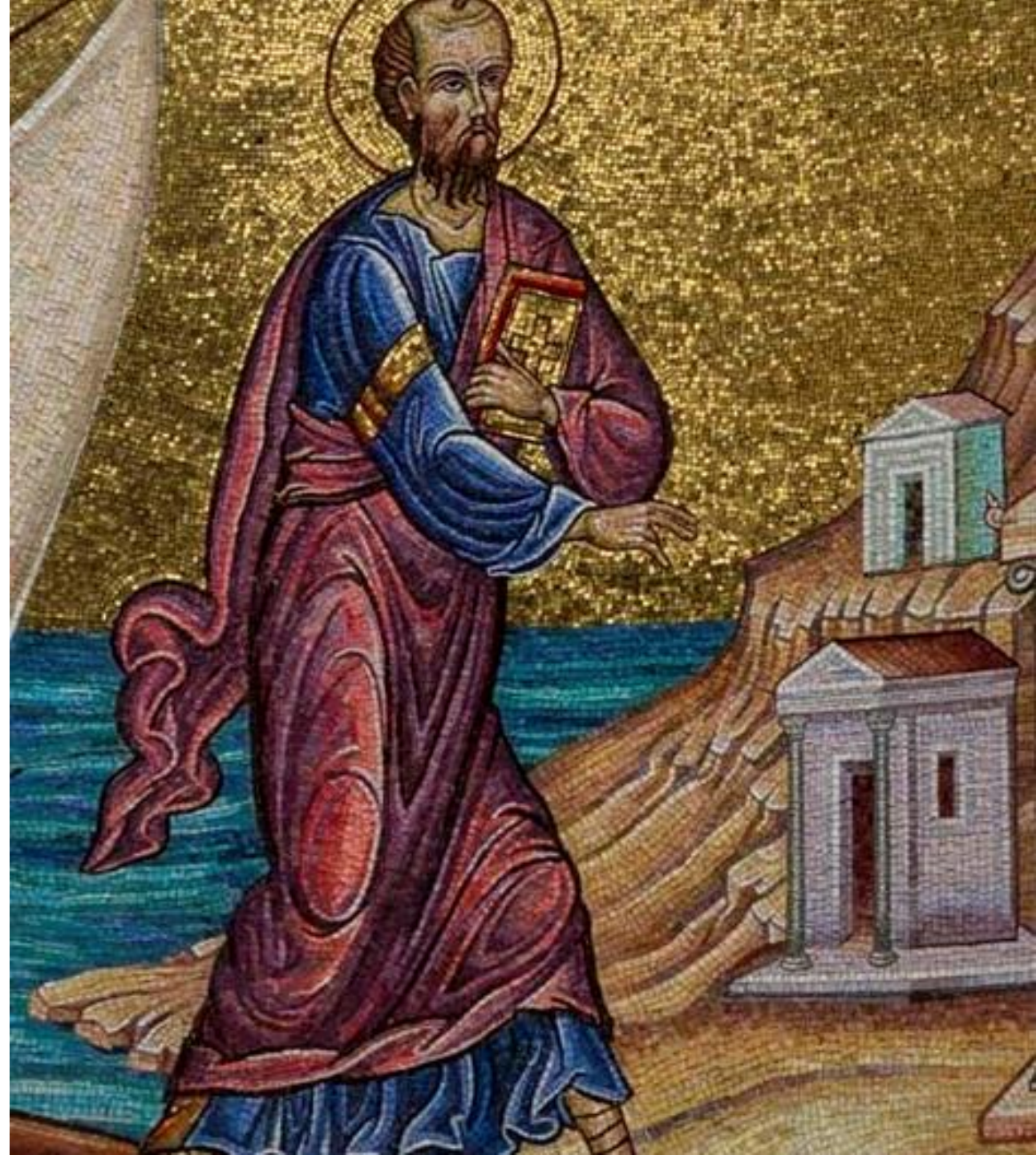
THE VIA EGNATIA: ROME'S HIGHWAY, GOD'S PATH



- Via Egnatia was a major Roman road running across Macedonia.
- Enabled trade, military movement, and now, the spread of the Gospel.
- Paul's journey on this road helped Christianity reach the West.

WHY DID PAUL TRAVEL TO EUROPE?

- Paul's journey to Neapolis was not random—it was God-directed (Acts 16:6-10).
- The Macedonian Call: Paul had a vision urging him to come to Macedonia and help them.
- This marked a major shift in Christianity's expansion from the East to the West.



OPPOSITION AND OPPORTUNITIES



In Macedonia

- Paul's ministry in Macedonia began in Philippi and Thessaloniki.
- He faced persecution but also found open hearts.
- The Gospel spread quickly because of Neapolis' location and the road network.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Why do you think God redirected Paul to Macedonia?
- What can we learn about obedience to God's calling, even when plans change?
- How does Paul's journey challenge us to be bold in sharing our faith?



REFLECTION & APPLICATION



ARE WE WILLING TO CHANGE?

If God leads us, are we willing to change course?



KEY TAKEAWAY


Challenge:

How can we step out in faith when facing new opportunities?

Q & A TIME

<https://bcachurch.com/walking-in-the-footsteps-of-the-apostle-paul/>

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