

FaithandReason® presents
The Challenge of Paul, featuring
John Dominic Crossan

***Special Offer - Free Distribution to Up to 1,000
Congregations.***

**Free distribution of *The Challenge of Paul* educational series,
Themes 1 & 2, featuring renowned author and scholar, John
Dominic Crossan**

The D. L. Dykes, Jr. Foundation (DLDF), producers of FaithandReason®, will distribute, free of charge, **The Challenge of Paul**, an extraordinary video learning experience with John Dominic Crossan (Themes 1 and 2, plus a digital resource guide - a \$150 value) to 1,000 or more churches across the country. Congregations or organizations interested in participating in **The Challenge of Paul Gift Program** are asked to email jennifervail@faithandreason.org and simply state, **“Yes. I am interested in participating in The Challenge of Paul Gift Program.”**

PURPOSE

Our purpose is to inject critical thinking curriculum into adult classes and small groups in churches across America that will acquaint participants with the step by step process of establishing the **Paul of History**. Critical-thinking process is one that empowers individuals to think clearly and productively giving them agency to comprehend the history and the content of the Christian faith.

The Challenge of Paul is an educational video series of 18 lectures (15 to 18 minutes each) featuring renowned historical Jesus scholar, John Dominic Crossan, who guides participants through the three-dimensional world of Paul's time and place. Crossan pushes past generations of doctrine and dogma to reveal the real-life character of Paul who shaped a generation of courageous Christ-followers to boldly challenge the greed and violence of the Roman Empire, the over-lord of the first century Mediterranean world.

HOW IT WORKS

Once we have confirmation of a critical mass of congregations interested in participating in ***The Challenge of Paul Gift Program***, and funding in place, each interested participant will receive, via email, an online **Letter of Invitation** that will include:

- 4-color ***The Challenge of Paul*** flyer (pdf) offering an overview of the series, a brief description of John Dominic Crossan, and ***The Challenge of Paul*** Theme titles and Session titles
- link to ***The Challenge of Paul*** video trailer

Upon receipt of the online **Letter of Invitation**, The D. L. Dykes, Jr. Foundation, will mail ***The Challenge of Paul*** DVD or Flash Drive, along with instructions for online downloadable pdfs of Discussion Questions and Resource Transcript Guide, to the participating church or organization.

EVALUATION

Following completion of each ***Challenge of Paul*** theme, The D. L. Dykes, Jr. Foundation, producers of FaithandReason®, will provide a link to an online SURVEY which participants will be asked to complete.

The D. L. Dykes, Jr. Foundation / FaithandReason® staff will maintain a data base of all participating churches and the SURVEY FORMS. The completed **Challenge of Paul Gift Program** SURVEY FORM will provide quantitative data that can be used to measure effectiveness of materials that engage participants by encouraging critical thinking and an understanding about the Paul of history and his commitment to non-violent resistance to the Roman Empire.

TIMEFRAME

The D. L. Dykes, Jr. Foundation plans to implement **The Challenge of Paul Gift Program** by December 2017.

ACT NOW! \$150.00 free gift for your church! Email jennifervail@faithandreason.org and simply state, “**Yes. I am interested in participating in ‘The Challenge of Paul Gift Program.’**”

NOTE: The Challenge of Paul, Themes 1 & 2 is valued at \$150.00 and is being offered free to participating churches and organizations. The D. L. Dykes, Jr. Foundation can make this offer of FREE access to a marvelous learning experience due to the generosity of an anonymous donor. We will deliver the materials in early December, but we can only do so if a critical mass of congregations indicate interest in using them. If there is insufficient interest, the underwriting support will disappear.

ATTACHMENTS

- LINK TO **THE CHALLENGE OF PAUL** TRAILER (found on FaithandReason® homepage)
<https://faithandreason.org/index.php/>
- **THE CHALLENGE OF PAUL GIFT PROGRAM FLYER**

Available as a DVD or Flash Drive with accompanying Prologue & Resource Guides

FREE TO CHURCHES
\$150 Value

Churches, please take advantage of this opportunity to receive a free shipment of *The Challenge of Paul*, Themes 1 & 2 of 4, featuring John Dominic Crossan.

All you have to do is commit to use the material in Sunday School classes, Study Groups, or other types of Small Group meetings including prayer groups and adult men's or women's groups.

Contact us at 1-800-882-7424 or jennifervail@faithandreason.org to take advantage of this special offer!

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THEME 1	Paul & Jesus
Prologue	In Search of the Historical Paul
Session 1	An Appealing Apostle
Session 2	How to Read a Pauline Letter
Session 3	The Romanization of a Radical
Session 4	Jewish Covenant vs Roman Empire
Includes Prologue & 4 Sessions, each 15 to 18 minutes each, PDF downloadable Discussion Questions, and PDF downloadable digital Resource Guide	
THEME 2	Paul & Luke
Session 1	The Future of Roman Christianity
Session 2	Vision & Vocation in Damascus
Session 3	The Long-Distance Apostle
Session 4	The God-Worshippers
Includes 4 Sessions, each 15 to 18 minutes each, downloadable Discussion Questions, and downloadable digital Resource Guide	



John Dominic Crossan is an Irish-American New Testament scholar, historian of early Christianity, and former Catholic priest who has produced both scholarly and popular works. His research has focused on the historical Jesus, on the anthropology of the Ancient Mediterranean and New Testament worlds.

Dr. Crossan has written over 30 books on the origins of Christianity, historical Jesus, and historical Paul. John Dominic Crossan is generally regarded as the leading historical Jesus scholar in the world.

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- HYPERLINK TO ONLINE **“LETTER OF INVITATION”** (click here or click on page 3, second paragraph)