

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Philippians 1:12-18

For the week of September 27, 2026

A Big Idea: *Because the gospel cannot be stopped, we can trust God to work through even the circumstances we would never choose.*

What Does It Say? (Training us to read Scripture for ourselves)

1. In verses 12–14, what unexpected results does Paul say have come from his imprisonment? Look for each way his circumstances have actually served to advance the gospel.
2. In verses 15–17, Paul describes two groups of people preaching Christ. What different motives does he identify, and how does he describe each group?
3. Pay attention to the repeated words and ideas throughout verses 12–18. What seems to matter most to Paul as he evaluates both his imprisonment and the motives of other preachers?
4. In verse 18, Paul concludes, “Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.” How does this response connect back to everything Paul has said in verses 12–17?

How is it expressed at RCC? (Growing in the heart and habits of faith)

1. Paul sees his difficult circumstances through the lens of what God might be doing through them. When life doesn't go according to your plans, what helps you look for God's purposes?
2. Paul's imprisonment gave other believers greater courage to speak the word (v. 14). How can seeing someone else remain faithful through difficulty strengthen our own faith?
3. Paul cared more about Christ being proclaimed than about receiving recognition himself. Where are you tempted to care about your own success, reputation, or recognition more than the advancement of the gospel?
4. Paul could genuinely rejoice even while his circumstances remained difficult. How can we grow into people whose joy is rooted more deeply in what Christ is doing than in whether life is going the way we want?