

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Philippians 1:18b-30

For the week of October 4, 2026

Big Idea: *Because Christ is our greatest treasure, we can live for Him with courage, unity, and faithfulness no matter what comes.*

What Does It Say? (Training us to read the text carefully)

1. In verses 18–21, what reasons does Paul give for rejoicing even while facing uncertainty and possible death?
2. In verses 21–26, trace Paul’s thinking about life and death. What does he see as the benefit of each, and why does he believe remaining alive would be valuable for the Philippians?
3. In verse 27, what commands or expectations does Paul give them, and how are they connected to being “worthy of the gospel of Christ”?
4. In verses 28–30, how does Paul describe the opposition and suffering the Philippians are experiencing? What does he want them to understand about suffering for Christ?

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

1. Paul can say, “to live is Christ and to die is gain.” What competes with Christ for the place of greatest value in your life, and how can we grow in genuinely treasuring Him above everything else?
2. Paul’s confidence in Christ gave him courage in the face of an uncertain future. What fears or uncertainties make it difficult for you to live boldly for Christ?
3. Paul calls the church to stand “in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side” (v. 27). What does it look like for us at RCC to pursue Christ and His mission together rather than treating faith as solely an individual pursuit?
4. Paul assumes that following Christ will sometimes be costly. How can we grow into people who remain joyful and faithful to Jesus when obedience becomes uncomfortable or costly?