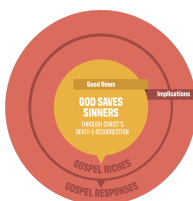


Members' Handout - Philippians 1:12-26

Series: Philippians



1. How has Paul's imprisonment served to advance the gospel (v12-18)?
2. Consider the diagram below and identify Paul's responses to his situation. Some questions to prompt your thinking: How did Paul respond to his imprisonment? What was his attitude toward his current circumstances? What was he busy doing during his imprisonment?



3. How might Christ be honoured in Paul's body "whether by life or by death?" (v23-25)
4. Consider again the diagram above. What riches in the Gospel motivated Paul in his responses above? (v19-20)
5. Paul says that for him, "to live is Christ, and to die is gain." What do you think he means?
6. Meditate on Paul's "to live is Christ, and to die is gain" and ask the Spirit to examine our hearts: how might this verse be unsettling and make us uncomfortable?
7. Look back at the diagram that we have filled up above in Q2 and Q4. Consider the gospel and the riches we have in the gospel. Paul was confident that he had these riches in the gospel because he was secure in being joined to Christ through the gospel. How might being joined with Christ provide us with the same confidence and hope to live for Christ that Paul has regardless of our circumstances?
8. What are some situations in our lives that are difficult and challenging? How would the way we respond to those situations embody the gospel? Pray for God to make the truth of the gospel and its riches come alive to our hearts, and for us to live for and embody Christ whatever the circumstances.