

LISTENING GUIDE

Philippians 1:18b-30

1. Our Self-evaluation focuses on this question:
For _____ do I live my life?

 2. In verse 27 Paul instructs us to “Live a life _____
of the gospel.”

 3. To live a life worthy of the gospel, means to live for...
 - 1) _____
 - 2) _____

 4. Christ is _____ than our life.

 5. When we recognize Christ is bigger than our life, we can say:
To _____ is Christ; to die is _____.

 6. To live for Christ provides us _____ labor.

 7. Challenge:
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LIFEGROUPS

DISCUSSION GUIDE

COMPLETE THESE QUESTIONS IN PREPARATION FOR YOUR LIFE GROUP.
BRING THIS SHEET AND A BIBLE WITH YOU TO YOUR LIFE GROUP.



WARM UP

Generally speaking are you a “glass half-full” or a “glass half-empty” type of person?

QUICK REVIEW

What’s one thing from last weekend’s message that you hope we talk about as a group?

INTO GOD’S WORD

As Paul wrote to the Philippians he was a prisoner awaiting trial – not the best of circumstances. It was a struggle. It was suffering. Often when we face struggles or suffering in our lives, a question comes to our minds: “Why?” **What answers do the following sections of scripture provide to that question?**

Luke 12:51-53 (Also Matthew 10:34-36)

John 15:18-21

1 Peter 5:8-9

In the thick of his suffering, Paul was able to see another answer to that question of “why.” **Read Philippians 1:12-14 again. What reason for his suffering was Paul able to see?**

What do you think would change about your attitude in life if you viewed every experience, good or bad, as an opportunity to “advance the gospel”?

How might such an attitude change your actions?

Paul understood opposition. Opposition to the good news of Jesus landed him in in prison. He also knew the Philippians would face opposition as they lived lives “worthy of the gospel.” As you strive to live your life for Christ and in a way worthy of the gospel you likely will face opposition.

Share any personal experiences of opposition you have encountered.

Look up 1 Peter 3:13-17. Does that verse, along with the verses from Philippians 1, offer you any encouragement in the face of opposition?

INTO MY LIFE

Paul's sphere of influence while he was in prison were the guards themselves. These guards were part of the Roman Emperor's Praetorium, elite soldiers who protected the emperor and guarded prisoners about to stand trial before him. As Paul lived for Christ, the gospel advanced among those guards because they noticed Paul and because he proclaimed the gospel to them.

List names of several people who fall within your sphere of influence.

In what ways can you make sure they “notice” you and your life for Christ?

In what ways can you proclaim the gospel to them?

SHARING & PRAYER

Consider especially how God might use you as you live your life for Christ.

Your prayer requests:

