
CHURCH IN COMMON

COMMON LIFE—PHILIPPIANS 1:18B-26

What?

Open in prayer. Thank God for your partners in advancing the gospel. Pray that your time together can be for “your progress and joy in the faith” (v.25).

Read Philippians 1:18b-26. What is the win-win situation that Paul is writing about?

What are the advantages of either outcome?

What is Paul’s attitude toward adversity or suffering in this passage? What helps him?

So what?

How do you honestly feel about death? How would you answer Paul’s question in vs. 22 –“yet what shall I choose?”

How does the fact of death affect your goals and priorities?

Paul feels confident that God has more work for him to do (vv. 23-25), even though he admits that his first desire is to be with God. How can his attitude here serve as a model for us in times of waiting?

Paul desires to continue with the Philippians for their “progress and joy in the faith.” We don’t just come to faith and then stop in our growth and maturity. Who has helped your “progress and joy in the faith”? How might you be able to contribute (or currently are contributing) to the “progress and joy in the faith” of others?

Now what?

What would change in the way you go about life if your motto was “to live is Christ, and to die is gain”?

Close in prayer pray for any needs among the group. Continue to pray that your love may abound more and more in love and depth of insight (1:9).