

Philippians 1:19-26

Sermon Reflection Questions

These questions are designed to help individuals, families, and small groups discuss and apply passages in the Philippians sermon series as taught at Grace Bible Church in fall 2018.

Observe & Interpret

Read Philippians 1:19-26.

List any themes or big ideas you see in this passage. 12-18, 19-20, 21-22, 23-26.

How does this passage relate back to 1:1-11? Specifically, why does Paul feel the need to assure the Philippians of the gospel's progress here in this passage?

What kind of "salvation" was Paul referring to in verse 19? Keep in mind, it is translated as "deliverance" in the NASB, but is usually translated "salvation" elsewhere. What different range of meanings can this word have in the NT (cf. 1:28; 2:12-13; Acts 14:9; 27:20; Romans 5:9-10; Ephesians 2:8; Hebrews 11:7)? What does it most likely mean here? And why?

What is Paul's perspective on "life" and "death"? Furthermore, how does this differ from our contemporary culture's view on these same 2 topics?

Apply

Verses 21-26 describe Paul's personal mission statement for his life. Spend some time this week creating your own personal mission statement. How would you answer the questions: "Who am I? Why did God place me in this particular place and in this particular time? What are the greatest contributions that I can make to do good to others and bring honor to God?"

What circumstances in your life can cause you to believe that God's purposes are thwarted? What truths about God will you believe this week in those same situations?

After praying to God for conviction and insight, what concrete changes do you feel you should make this week to live a life of hope and joy regardless of circumstances? What exactly will you do differently this week than last week—get specific and be realistic!

Who will hold you accountable next week to see if you've followed through?

Memorize: Philippians 1:21. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.