



Philippians

TO LIVE IS CHRIST

LOOK BACK

Care for one another

1. How are you? Share a *highlight* and a *challenge* from your week.

Accountability

2. How did you grow this week? Did you pursue and obey Jesus? In what way?

Open Up

In this passage we see believers encouraged and emboldened to live for Christ and for the sake of His Gospel. Today, we can be encouraged and challenged by *your* story of how God has used *you* for His Kingdom. What *has happened to you that served to advance the gospel?* Share your story with the group.

Look Up

1. Read Philippians 1:12-18
2. Bret mentioned Paul being a “trailblazer for the gospel,” cutting new paths for the Gospel to go forth. What would that look like in the context of your life? Does something need to change in order for that to happen?
3. Do you see Paul as a Biblical saint who was endowed with special apostolic gifts, or as a converted sinner that we could emulate?
4. Paul treated everyone he encountered in light of eternity, even his prison guards! What keeps you from always holding this same attitude toward others?
5. In verses 15-18, Paul mentions that envy and rivalry can seep in, even among believers who are preaching Jesus. In what ways do you struggle with this? How do we guard our hearts against this in the fellowship of the church?
6. Read Acts 1:8. Throughout his life as a follower of Jesus, it was the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through Paul to accomplish His purposes. Do you believe in the power of the Spirit theoretically and theologically, or is it real and applicable to everyday situations? Do your words and actions towards others reflect your answer to the first part of this question?

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LOOK FORWARD

1. What from Philippians 1:12-18 personally shapes how you see the upcoming week?
2. What from Philippians 1:12-18 do you need to obey this upcoming week?
3. How can the group be praying for you this week? (End in prayer)