

TRANSFORMATION

The book of Philippians - questions for group or individual study and life application

NEW PURPOSE - PHILIPPIANS 1:12-30

LAUNCH

1. What is the thing that you are most fearful of at the moment and why?
Discuss with the group what part of your fear is reasonable and what part is irrational.
2. What does fear do to us physically, emotionally and relationally?

DISCOVERY & UNDERSTANDING

3. From what Paul says, what is it that enables him to make light of his sufferings to the point of rejoicing in them? To what extent do you share his perspective?
4. Is there any way in which you *'feel chained... trapped'* and unable to serve Christ as you would ideally like to? How do Paul's words help?
5. In what way would Paul's imprisonment encourage his fellow Christians to share the gospel more? Is there anyone that encourages you in this way today?
6. In what ways do you *'speak the word of God'*? Is there scope for you to do so *'more courageously and fearlessly'*? How might this be possible?
7. Why need Christians have no worries about death? Do you share Paul's outlook to being relaxed about either living or dying (v21). How do we as Christians go about being less fearful about things in general including death?
8. What exactly does it mean for us to conduct ourselves 'in a manner that is worthy of the gospel' (v27). Are there particular aspects of the gospel that should lead us to conduct ourselves in particular ways? If so what are they?
9. In what ways does the enemy *'seek to divide'* you from other Christians and prevent you from striving together as one? (v27) What can you do to thwart his strategy?

APPLICATION

10. Matt's main application from his sermon was an encouragement for us to look for opportunities to be bolder in sharing our faith. Pray for one another that really natural opportunities will crop up in the course of the next few weeks to share our faith and invite people to home group/gateway activities/church on a Sunday morning.