

MOTTO

PHILIPPIANS 1:12-26

COMMUNITY GROUP

OUTLINE & SUMMARY

Introduction

Read Phil 4:21-23

Christians in Caesar's household sent greetings to the Philippians.

Verses 12-13 • Because Paul was under arrest, members of the elite Praetorian Guard came to faith in Christ. They came to realize what he believed had made him a "good man."

Verse 14 • Paul's faithfulness in the midst of hardship encouraged others to bold witness.

Verses 15-18 • Paul demonstrates amazing grace here. Instead of pointing out how stupid and wicked his critics are, he rejoices that through them The Gospel has gone out.

Verses 19-21 • Verse 21 is Paul's Motto

Verses 22-26 • Paul expresses his personal desire to head off to glory. But, he senses that time's not yet come. So he wants to spend what time he has left being fruitful.

FOR THE GROUP

Warm Up

Who's the most "famous" person you've met?

What does this tell us about Paul's attitude toward his situation? Would he have been a good witness of Christ if he'd complained?

How has the example of others going gracefully & faithfully through hard times encouraged you?

How does what Paul says here coach us in the treatment of those we may not align with theologically?

While Paul is happy that at least his critics are preaching the Gospel, with others, he expresses his complete opposition. What's the crucial issue that marks the difference between those we disagree with and those we must actively oppose?

What's your life's motto, if you have one?
If you had to fill in the blank, "For me, to live is _____" what would it be?

In verse 23, Paul says he's "hard-pressed" between two options, the glory of heaven and the help he can be to others. The idea is that each option exerts equal pull on him so that he's feeling torn.
As you consider those two options - Heaven & more time yet on Earth, which exerts the biggest pull?