



HOUSE GROUPS

HOUSE Groups: Discussion Questions:

Philippians 1:12-18

(Philippians 1:12): KEY PHRASE: *Furtherance of the Gospel...*

Question: What things happened to Paul that led to the furtherance of the Gospel?

Begin by **reading:** 2 Corinthians 11:23-28 (Divide up reading, and list the things that Paul endured for the furtherance of the Gospel)

v.23)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

v.24)

5. _____

v.25)

6. _____
7. _____

8. 3x's _____ ...*a night and a day in the deep.*

v.26)

9. _____

10. *In perils of...* _____

v.27)

11. *In...* _____ & _____

_____ & _____

_____ & _____

v.28)

...besides the other things, what comes upon me daily; my deep concern for all the churches.

After listing the things above it would seem that our list of troubles seems to diminish just a bit. Now again, Paul is imprisoned as he is writing this letter.

Question: Have you ever felt that God had made a mistake in allowing you to go through a difficult situation, but later saw the wisdom of God as it began to work out?

Question: Have you ever experienced how something difficult you've endured has helped someone else out?

Question: How was the Gospel furthered by Paul's imprisonment?

Question: Are you currently in a situation that you are struggling in that you have yet to see the good come out of it?

(Prayer for help)

READ: Romans 8:28

(Philippians 1:13-14): KEY WORDS: *Evidence and Boldness*

Question: What does it mean to you when Paul says that his “*chains are in Christ*”?

READ John 13:35

Question: How do we as Christians live so that Christ is evident in us? (Philippians 1:11)

Question: Have you ever found it difficult to be bold for Christ?

READ: Acts 4:13; Acts 4:29; Acts 4:31

Question: According to the above read passages how do we receive boldness for the Lord?

(Prayer for boldness)

(Philippians 1:15-18): KEY PHRASE: *Christ is preached...*

envy: *a feeling of discontent or covetousness with regards to another’s advantages, successes, or possessions.*

strife: *vigorous or bitter conflict, discord, or antagonism.*

Question: What does it mean to preach Christ out of envy and strife?

READ: Philippians 1:16

Question: What were the motivations for those preaching Christ out of envy and strife to preach?

1. Selfish_____ 2. Not_____ 3. Adding_____

Question: Do you think Paul had the above mentioned individuals in mind when he wrote: **READ:** Philippians 1:10?

Question: As Christians, how should we guard ourselves against doing the right thing with the wrong motivations?

Question: What does it mean to preach Christ from goodwill?

Question: What is the main characteristic of those preaching the Gospel from goodwill?

*...the latter out of _____
(ä-gä'-pā)*

READ: Philippians 1:17

Question: What was Paul the Apostle appointed for?

*...the _____ of the Gospel.
(ä-po-lo-gē'-ä)*

This is where we get our English word — **Apologetics** — *a reasoned statement or argument.*

READ: Philippians 1:18 in **closing**...

Question: Is Paul rejoicing in the fact that people are preaching the Gospel out of false pretense? **NO!**

- God will judge the matters of the heart, and even as Paul's imprisonment could not stop the Gospel of Christ from going out, neither would wrong motivations.
- And in *that* he rejoiced!