



**HOUSE** GROUPS

HOUSE Groups: Discussion Questions:

Philippians 1:19-26

**(Philippians 1:19): KEY PHRASE:** *prayer and supply of the Spirit...*

**Question:** What had previously, in Paul's not-so-good situation, turned out to be a great thing? (vv.12-13)

**Question:** What were the two components attached to what Paul believed would aid his deliverance?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Thought:** Paul places a lot of importance on the intercessory prayer of the "normal", "regular", "everyday", Philippian Christians.

**READ:** James 5:16

**Question:** Do you ever find yourself praying as a last resort instead of a first resort?

**Question:** What are some good habits regarding prayer you can implement into your daily routine?

**Question:** What does it mean to have a supply of the Holy Spirit, and how does that supply sustain us through difficulty?

**Thought:** God will not always keep us from problems, but He sure will get us through them.

**Question:** What is it that Paul is hoping that through prayer, and the supply of the Spirit his situation will turn out to be?

Well, lets read it in the next verse...

**(Philippians 1:20): KEY PHRASES:** *in nothing I shall be ashamed...*

with all \_\_\_\_\_

Christ will be \_\_\_\_\_

**Thought:** *Paul believes he will be delivered, but he acknowledges that his deliverance may come by death. So whether through his life or through his death his desire is to have boldness, and that Christ would be magnified.*

**Question:** Have you ever thought that God's plans for you were not the way you would have planned it?

**READ:** Isaiah 55:8

**Question:** Do you find it difficult to magnify Christ amidst trials?

**Question:** What do you think is the thing that usually gets magnified when we are in the middle of trials?

**Question:** How can Christ be magnified while we are in the middle of great difficulty?

**Thought:** Many times we hear people say that God allows us to go through trials so He can see what we are made of. Though this isn't heretical, it may be more appropriate to say:

*"God already knows what we are made of, but when we go through great difficulty we see what we are made of."*

(Philippians 1:21): **KEY PHRASES:** *live is Christ, and to die is gain...*

**Question:** What does it mean to live for Christ?

**Question:** What are some things that could wrongly replace Christ in our lives?

For me, to live is: my spouse, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, my job, \_\_\_\_\_, etc...

**Personal Question:** Giving an honest assessment, how would you fill in this blank: "For me to live is \_\_\_\_\_."

**READ:** 1 John 1:9

**Thought:** If we live our lives for anything other than Christ to die is to lose. *He who dies with the most toys still dies.*

(Philippians 1:22): **KEY PHRASES:** *fruit from my labor...*

**READ:** Psalm 127:1

**READ:** 1 Corinthians 15:58

**Question:** Are we joyful and content to do work for the Lord even if we don't see the type of results we think we should see, or receive recognition?

(Philippians 1:23-24): **KEY WORDS:** *depart... remain...*

**Question:** How is departing to be with Christ far better than staying in the world?

**Question:** Do you think the Lord would allow us to stay in a difficult situation because it was helping others?

**Question**: What was Paul's perspective on: Should I stay or should I go?

**Question**: Was Paul's perspective self-focused, or others-focused?

**(Philippians 1:25-26)**: **KEY WORDS**: *confident... remain... progress...*

**READ**: verse 19 and 25 together

**Question**: In light of the above verses would you say Paul was confident, or unconfident in the power of prayer and the supply of the Holy Spirit?

**Question**: Does Paul believe he will remain or depart?

**Question**: If Paul remains what purpose will it serve? (v.25)

**Question**: Does it cause you to be joyful when your prayers are answered?

In closing, does anyone have a "praise report" of a prayer being answered?