

Philippians Part 2: "Chains for Christ"

- 1. Share one or two of your personal takeaways from the message and discuss with the group.
- 2. Read Philippians 1:12-14. Even though Paul was in prison while writing this letter, how did he exemplify a "victor/winner" mentality vs. a "victim/loser" mentality and what were the results for God's kingdom?
 - a. Every Christian's main purpose in life is to "advance the gospel." How can this truth help you foster a victor/winner mentality whether your circumstances are favorable or challenging?
- 3. Read Philippians 1:15-18. Paul's words force us to reexamine our own motives for why we get involved in the work of the church, whether that be volunteering or leading. Take some time to reflect on whether your motives for serving have been pure or self-serving.
 - a. Reread vs 18 and discuss why this is such a comfort.
- 4. Read Philippians 1:19-26. What verses stand out to you and why?
 - a. How does the phrase, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain," help shape your perspective of life and death?



Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

- 1. What did the man want Peter and John to do for him? What did Peter say he could do for the man?
- 2. Do you think Peter's offer was better or not as good as what the man was asking for?
- 3. Has God ever answered your prayers in a way that was different from how you asked?
- 4. What did Peter tell the crowd they needed to do so they could be forgiven of their sins?
- 5. What do you need God's power to do this week?