

Sermon Notes

How the Gospel Informs Our Perspective

Philippians 1:12-30 (pew Bible pg. 980)

The Philippians were concerned about Paul. But Paul's concern was not for his own needs, but for the advancement of the gospel and the Gospel growth of others. Through this passage, Paul informs the Philippians of his situation, encourages them with the progress of the gospel, and invites them to take on his attitude of commitment to Jesus and His Gospel. Though this passage, all believers are called to live with a gospel focus that leads to an abiding concern for other's salvation and spiritual growth.

1. A Gospel focus enables us to participate in Gospel Advancement For the believer - Jesus is LIFE

Paul's Display of Gospel focus

Paul's Description of a Gospel focused life - a life worthy of the Gospel

 A Gospel focus enables us to approach death with joyful expectation -To Die is Gain

Applications:_

"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you(all) richly teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom..." - Colossians 3:16a

- Focus #I : GOD

- / What does this passage reveal about the character or nature of God?
- $\mathcal{2}$. What does this passage reveal about God's eternal plans and purposes?
- 3. What does this passage reveal about how God interacts with his creation?

Focus #2 : ME -

- ${\cal 4}\cdot$ How does this passage reveal sin in my own mind, heart, or life?
- \mathcal{S} In what ways does this passage help us to see how we need to be aligned with God's will?
- $\emph{6}$ What is one tangible and measurable way that the Spirit is leading me to respond to his Word?

Focus #3: OTHERS

- 7. What is one truth that I can share meaningfully with someone, and with whom?
- \mathscr{E} How can I specifically encourage someone or everyone in my Life Group or church family from this passage?

Three contributions (reflections, questions, observations, etc.) I plan to include in our next Life Group discussion:

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14-22 Yvonne on vacation 15 Father's Day/LC baby bottles due **15 Family Dedication** 16-20 BOM/Boone Mission Trip **18 Member's Meeting @ 6:30pm**

JUNE

28 Men's Community Prayer Breakfast @ 8:30am (FLC) 29 Communion 29 Deacon's Meeting @ 8am 30-July 4 Camp Discovery (Students)