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Questions for Philippians 1:19-26

1. Why do you think Paul had such a great attitude while he was in jail?
2. What would it take for you to get to the point in your spiritual maturity where you would say, “everything God wants to do in and through me will be done?”
3. How can Jesus be more “exalted” by Paul through his imprisonment?
4. Paul’s pulpit became jail because he preached while he was there. Where is your pulpit? What message are you “preaching?”
5. How would you respond to someone if they said, “my lifestyle is my pulpit?”
6. Paul’s attitude is pretty amazing! He’s saying, “if I’m alive I can preach...if I’m dead I get to be with God. I can’t lose!” Why do you think Paul can have this type of attitude?

7. Why do you think it was such a “hard choice” for Paul to decide between life in heaven or on earth?

8. How do you think someone gets to the point in his/her life where all they think about is being with Christ?

Questions for Philippians 1:27-30

1. Answer the following question: “For me to live in such a way that I am a credit to the Message of Christ I would need to...”

2. Why do you think Paul encourages the Christians at Philippi to stick together and “stand firm in one spirit?” (In other words “stay united.”)

3. Why do you think it is important for a church to stay united and all be following the same purposes?

4. Do you know the purpose of our high school ministry?
Try writing it out from memory:

Here are five key words to help you: Reach, Connect, Grow, Discover, Honor.

5. When Paul refers to “the same struggle” he is writing about persecution that some Christians in Philippi are going through. This persecution was a result of their faith. How do you feel about the following quote?

“Wherever Christians will live as they ought to live in this world, where they will live righteous lives and aggressively seek to spread the Gospel, in that place there will be persecution. This is true for all Christians. If you bear a proper witness for Jesus Christ, as God intends you to do, there will be persecution for you.”

6. Reread Philippians 1:19-30 and summarize the passage in one sentence.

What is one truth you’ve learned from lesson three? How can you apply this truth to your life?

Questions for Philippians 2:1-4

1. Paul asks the Christians of Philippi to do a favor. He lists eight actions he wants. List these eight and circle the three that need the most work in your life.

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2. In Paul’s desire for Christian unity he also seems to emphasize humility. How would you define humility?

3. Who is someone you know that fits that description of humility?

4. Why do you think humility is a marker of spiritual maturity?

Questions for Philippians 2:5-8

1. In these verses, Paul uses Jesus to illustrate humility. How is Jesus a model of humility?

2. What does it mean that Jesus had equal status with God and yet set aside the privileges of deity?



3. What is so important about God becoming human?

4. Do you believe an invisible God can relate to and understand your human needs? Why? Why not?

Questions for Philippians 2:9-11

1. How did God honor Jesus' obedience?

2. Why will all created beings bow in worship before Jesus?

Questions for Philippians 2:12-13

1. Why do you think Paul had to encourage the Christians to live in obedience now that he was away from them?

2. Do you need encouragement to live in obedience to Christ's teachings? How are you getting that encouragement?

3. What kind of encouragement works best for you?

4. Who is someone in your life that can encourage you on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis? Have you told this person of your need for accountability? Why? Why not?

5. How would you describe salvation?

6. Why should you be energetic in your salvation?

7. How do you know that God is working in your life?

8. Reread Philippians 2:1-13 and summarize the passages in one sentence.

What is one truth you've learned from lesson four? How can you apply this truth to your life?

