



HTC Small Group

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: There's Joy in Christ Jesus

Sermon Date: June 12, 2016

Scripture: Philippians 1:12-26

Speaker: Pastor Rod Randall

1. To start things off, break into groups of two or three and share what you are rejoicing in these days. When are you most likely to be joyful? When not so much?
2. How did Paul's imprisonment advance the gospel? Can you think of a time when you saw hardship or persecution advance the gospel?
3. When Martin Luther King Jr. was imprisoned for civil rights, many stood with him. What is it about the persecution of one that empowers so many?
4. Do you see Christians these days speaking the Word of God "courageously and fearlessly" as it says in verse 14? Why or why not?
5. The fact that some were preaching Jesus to bring trouble on Paul doesn't bother him. What does that tell you about what he valued most?
6. In what ways did Joseph see beyond his circumstances to the greater good? See Genesis 50:15-21.
7. If people of the world were surveyed, how might they fill in the blank: "For to me, to live is _____."
8. Explain in your own words Paul's famous mantra, "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain."
9. In what ways have you made that statement your own?
10. Why does Paul believe he is called to "remain in the body"?
11. Have you ever been tempted to quit serving in ministry? What kept you going?
12. How might Paul's motive for staying in ministry speak to you?