

Jailed and Joyful
June 14, 2026 Discussion Guide
This week's reading: Philippians 1:12-26

CHECK UP:

Memory work: And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. - Philippians 1:9-11

How did you live a gospel formed life this past week?

OPEN:

- What was a high and low of your past week?
- What stood out from this week's reading? How do you already feel challenged to obey?

READ and ASK: Philippians 1:12-26

- How was Paul's ministry affected by his bondage?
 - o What can we learn from that?
- How was Paul's example impacting others then?
 - o How should it impact us now?
- What can we learn from Paul from verse 18? (*note: these "preachers" could not have been preaching a false gospel, Paul has scathing things to say about those who preach a false gospel, see Galatians 1:8-9*)
- How would you describe Paul's life?
 - o What was Paul confident in?
 - o How do you think Paul wanted the Philippians to see him as an example?

APPLY:

- What was Paul's singular focus in life?
 - o How does that challenge you?
 - o What mental wrestling matches go on in your mind when you think about your life being singularly focused on the gospel?
 - o How do you share Paul's passion for the gospel?

- How would you like the reputation of being a fearless Christian?
 - o How do we gain such fearlessness?

- For what do you think you truly live?
 - o NEXT STEP: What about your lifestyle do you most want to change in your desire to live for Christ? What step can you take in doing that?

Memory Work:

For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. - Philippians 1:21

Next Week's Reading:

Philippians 1:27-30