

Lifegroup Questions - Philippians 1-4 'TO LIVE IS CHRIST'

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Re-read Philippians 1-4

- Which verses stand out to you? In what ways have you been encouraged or challenged by this letter over the past 17 weeks?
- Paul writes in Philippians 1:21 “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain”, he saw himself has a servant of Jesus first (1:1). In what ways does Paul demonstrate his obedience to Christ in this letter?
- Read Luke 9:23-25, what does it mean to ‘take up your cross daily’? How good are you at this?
- Paul calls the Philippians “God’s holy people in Christ Jesus” and he encourages them to remain in Him (1:27, 4:1) What does it mean to be ‘In Christ Jesus’? What is the benefit of remaining in Him? (see 1:6 & 2:13 for some examples)
- Read John 15:5-11, what does Jesus promise will happen if we remain in him? What warning is given to those who don’t?
- Jesus says that if we remain in Him then his joy will be in us and our joy will be complete (John 15:11). As you read through Philippians what do you notice about the sorts of things that bring Paul joy? How can we cultivate the same desires?
- What practical steps can we take to ensure that we remain in Christ? (see 4:4-9)
- As well as living ‘for’ and remaining ‘in’ Christ Paul also wants us to live ‘like’ Christ. In what ways does he encourage us to become more Christ-like? (think about both Paul’s instructions to the Philippians and the example of his, Timothy and Epaphroditus’ lives)
- In what way was Jesus a constant companion to Paul? (see 1:8-11, 2:1-2, 4:13 for some examples).
- Why is Paul so excited about meeting Jesus face to face? (1:23) In what way is the great poem of chapter 2 (2:6-11) an encouragement to Paul, the Philippians and all of us?