

1. In Philippians 1:20, Paul says that his hope is that he “will not be ashamed about anything...” Have you ever been tempted to feel ashamed of your faith in the middle of a trial? If so, would you mind sharing more about this experience?
2. John Piper describes Philippians, a letter written from prison, as the “happiest book in the Bible.” Why is Paul’s joy in this letter more than mere therapeutic optimism?
3. The current COVID-19 outbreak is driving many in our nation to despair. Why do you think this is the case? What fears have you personally battled during this outbreak?
4. In 2 Corinthians 6:10, Paul describes his ministry as “sorrowful, yet always rejoicing.” Have you experienced these simultaneous realities (sorrow and joy) during the current COVID-19 outbreak? If so, how has your sorrow been different than the sorrow of an unbelieving world?
5. In Philippians 1:21 Paul states, “to live is Christ and to die is gain.” How might this truth impact the way we interact with alarming news articles? How might it affect the way we respond to our neighbors who are dealing with anxiety over the current global health crisis? How might it affect the way we respond to personal tragedy?