

HOPE

HOME GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

READ Philippians 1:12-18

SHARE words, phrases, truths that stuck out to you; any questions you have; new insights.

DISCUSS the passage together.

1/ "What has happened to me" (12) is all of Paul's hardship, including his current imprisonment. It appears as if Paul has been "benched" by God. How does Paul assure his readers that is not the case?

2/ What would it mean for the gospel to be advanced in Columbus? Could God be using your hardship?

3/ Paul shares that fellow believers have been emboldened in their faith because of his suffering for Jesus. Have you ever been emboldened because of Christians suffering for Jesus sake?

4/ Paul has one ambition in life: to see Christ proclaimed. He doesn't care if people preach Christ with bad motives, so long as Jesus is made famous. This is a picture of Christian humility: Christ is big, and we are small. Discuss what it would look like for you to share this joy with Paul.

APPLY the text to your life (these questions from Redeemer NYC might help).

1/ How can I praise him?

2/ How can I confess my sins on the basis of this text?

3/ If this is really true, what wrong behavior, what harmful emotions or false attitudes result in me when I forget this?

4/ What should I be aspiring to on the basis of this text?

5/ God, why are you telling me this today?

PRAY together for the things you just shared, and also for anything else in your life.