

Are you Living and Dying with the Purpose, Passion, Provision, and Perspective of Christ?

Philippians 1:12-26

- 1) Are the purposes of Christ advancing in your life regardless of the source of your _____ (v.12-14; Rom. 8:28-29):
 - a. Fallen world and fallen bodies (Gen. 3:8-19)?
 - b. Fallen choices of our own (1 Peter 2:20; 3:17)?
 - c. Fallen choices of others (1 Peter 2:19-24; 3:14-17)?

- 2) Are you passionate for Christ to be _____ (v.15-18; Acts 20:21-24; 21:10-15; 23:1-11)?

- 3) Do you seek God's provision through _____ and the _____ (v. 19-20)?

- 4) Does perspective from _____ (v.21-26) overrule competing paradigms:

- a. To live is _____, to die is _____ (v. 21)?
- b. Live for your _____, God's not real (2 Pet. 3:3-7)?
- c. Life's short, let's _____ (1 Cor. 15:32, Isa. 22:12-13, 56:12)?
- d. Live for the _____, you never know which to choose (Acts 17:22-23)?

Applying God's Word to Life

- 1) What are some of the potential sources of pain that people experience in life?
- 2) In what ways have you seen God use pain to accomplish his redemptive purposes in people's lives?
- 3) Think of some of the most painful challenges of your life. What provisions and perspectives carried you through those difficult times?
- 4) Which of the 3 competing paradigms best described your life before surrendering your life to Christ?
- 5) What word best fills in the blank for you now: "To live is _____" ?
- 6) What would your loved ones put in the blank for you? Are you courageous enough to ask them?

