

# Community Groups

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*Use this guide as a resource for your community group to help you engage further with this weekend's sermon.*

## **Paul's Downside-Up Priority (Philippians 1:18b-26))**

**April 14, 2024**

1. Read verses 18b-19.
  - a. How does Paul find joy in this passage?
  - b. How have you seen the Spirit use prayers to make you joyful?
2. Think about the Christians who have had a significant impact on your life.
  - a. What events and experiences show that following Jesus can be hard?
  - b. What events and experiences show that following Jesus can be joyful?
3. According to verses 20 and 25, what are Paul's priorities as he considers his life and death?
  - a. How are these priorities counter-cultural today?
4. How does Paul complete this sentence: For me, to live is \_\_\_ (v. 21)?
  - a. In your weaker moments, how do you tend to complete this sentence?
  - b. Why is "Christ" the only satisfying answer to this?
  - c. What would it look like to demonstrate that Christ is your life in these areas:
    - i. Your relationships with family, friends, and neighbors?
    - ii. The way you work?
    - iii. The way you serve?
    - iv. The way you endure hardship and suffering?
    - v. The way you act when no one is around?