

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.

Joy in Gospel Advance (Philippians 1:12-18)

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1. Paul found joy in the fact that the gospel advanced in three unique situations. Can you identify these situations from Philippians 1:13, 14, and 15-18?
2. Paul's ability to see the bigger picture despite his circumstances, as described in Romans 1:14-17, can serve as a powerful example for us. How can his perspective encourage you to see the bigger picture of what God is doing in your life, even in challenging times?
3. In what ways has God used unexpected means to accomplish gospel advance in your life?
4. How have you seen Christians proclaiming Christ for the wrong reasons?
 - a. What were their motives?
 - b. "Paul could only celebrate the success of their preaching if they were truly preaching Christ." Discuss situations in which we shouldn't celebrate the preaching of others.
5. How can we, like Paul, be joyful in all circumstances? Discuss how Paul's reasons for joy could impact your own joy this week:
 - a. Christians are saints (Phil. 1:1).
 - b. Christians are slaves of Christ (Phil. 1:1).
 - c. Christians are partners in the gospel (Phil. 1:5).
 - d. Christians are good works in God's hands (Phil. 1:6).
 - e. The gospel advances, even in unexpected places (Phil. 1:18).