

Series: My Cup Overflows, a study in Philippians

Sermon: To Advance the Gospel

Primary Text: Philippians 1:12-26

Discussion guide:

- Have you or someone you've known ever been "obsessed" with something? Meaning you/they had a one-track mind? Explain...
- How do circumstances rob us of joy?
- How do relationships rob us of joy?
- How does health rob us of joy?
- Read Philippians 1:12.
 - How does Paul reassure the Philippians here?
- Read Philippians 1:12-13.
 - How can unpredictable circumstances give you unique opportunities for Christ?
 - Do you have any stories that exemplify this?
- Read Philippians 1:14.
 - How can our difficult circumstances inspire fellow Christians?
 - How can choosing to see unpredictable circumstances as opportunities produce joy?
- Read Philippians 1:15-17.
 - Why and how do you think Paul's enemies are working against him here?
 - Why does Paul rejoice anyway?
 - How can difficult relationships give you unique opportunities for Christ?
 - Do you have any stories that exemplify this?
 - How can choosing to see difficult relationships as opportunities for the Gospel produce joy?
- Read Philippians 1:18-26.
 - What does Paul mean by "deliverance"?
 - Why is life Christ for Paul?
 - Why is death gain for Paul?
 - How can choosing to see life and death as opportunities for the Gospel produce joy?