

# THE TAKE AWAY

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Sunday, October 9, 2022

The Book of Philippians

## Message Summary:

This week in our series, The Book of Philippians, Pastor John examined Philippians 1:21-27:

**[Phil. 1:21-27 NKJV]** *21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. 23 For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. 24 Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you. 25 And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith, 26 that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again. 27 Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel...*

As Paul sat in prison, he wrestled back and forth over what would happen next for him. Even though Paul wanted to go to be with the Lord because it would be better for him. But he knew that if he stayed, it would be far better for the Philippians because he would reap more fruit from the mission to which God had called him. He knew his race was not done yet, and that there was more work to do. Each one of us has a race that we are called to run! This is our unique mission. Knowing our mission is a critical part of knowing our purpose. We are called to do good works that God has prepared beforehand so that we should walk in them (Eph. 2:10). Paul encourages us here that our conduct and our life should be dedicated to our mission and worthy of the work that Jesus did on the cross to save us. We are supposed to be fully submitted to Christ and his calling on our lives. We are called to dedicate our lives to his work, to put everything out there on the field for him because that is what he did for us.

## Other Scriptures:

- **[Act 20:24 NKJV]** *"But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.*
- **[2 Timothy 4:6-7 NKJV]** *6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.*
- **[Ephesians 4:1 NKJV]** *I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called...*
- **[2 Thessalonians 1:11 NKJV]** *Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of [this] calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of [His] goodness and the work of faith with power...*

## Discussion Questions:

1. What is a "mission"? What does this passage tell us about the meaning of mission?
2. Why should we live our life according to the mission that God has called us?
3. Why should we live our life according to the mission that God has called us?
4. Does it fulfill you when you live on mission? Why?

## Life Application:

This week, reread our key verses for today, Philippians 1:21-27. Ask yourself this: Are you living on mission? Do you even know what your unique mission and calling is? Take time this week to ask the Lord to clarify your mission to you. Ask him to show you the good works he has prepared beforehand for you. It is time to start living 100% on mission for God. There is a race that you need to run!