

## **How to Handle Critics**

### **Philippians 1:15-18**

#### **Outline:**

1. Consider their message and motive
  - a. Selfish (vs 15, 17)
  - b. Kingdom (vs 15, 16)
  - c. Mislead / False (Philippians 3:1-2)
2. Consider your response from a Cross-centric perspective (Galatians 2:20, Psalm 141:5)
  - a. Judgement
  - b. Justification
3. Rejoice! (vs 18, 3:1)

#### **Questions for Small Group Discussion:**

1. What is my default response to criticism?
2. When I am in that default mode of response, who am I focused on?
3. What does the Gospel say about my sin?
4. What does the Gospel say about me?
5. When was the last time you rejoiced in the Gospel?