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Title: NO GREATER JOY: THE GOOD NEWS!

Main Scripture: Philippians 1:7-8, 12-19

How is Paul or how is the Good News?

The Good News will not be deterred!

- i. Everyone here
  
- ii. Believer confidence

The Good News advances despite ...

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# No Greater Joy: The Good News | October 28/29, 2023

Small Group Sermon Study | Philippians 1:7-8, 12-19

**Prayer:** *God, we thank you for today. We thank you for the opportunity to be in Your presence with those here. We pray that through this time together that You would be glorified and praised in our study and conversation. Amen.*

**Read the key passage of Scripture (Philippians 1:7-8, 12-19) from the message and review the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:**

1. What did you like and appreciate about this week's message?
2. What was something you learned from this week's message?
3. Read Philippians 1:12-14. What stands out to you from this verse?
4. Pastor Wade read Philippians 1:12 and it said, "Everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News." How do you allow God to work in your life, and the lives of those around you, when you feel like your world is crumbling?
5. Pastor Wade emphasized two distinct ways that the Gospel had been advanced at that time. How does this speak to you in your current situation?
  - a. Do you feel like God can't use you where you are at? Do you lack confidence? Or are you empowered by the statements that God wants to use everyone, and you can have confidence in Him?
6. Read Philippians 1:15-19. What were your thoughts when Pastor Wade brought up (and when you read) that the Good News can advance whether someone has pure motives, or they are operating out of jealousy and rivalry?
7. Sit and pray through the question Pastor Wade asked in his sermon. "Would you characterize your life as finding no greater joy than advancing the Good News of Jesus?" Why or why not?

## Personal Reflection and Prayer

As a group, or in smaller groups, ask each other...

1. How can I pray for you this week?
2. What are some practical steps you can take this week to find joy in advancing the Gospel?

*God, again we thank you for today. We thank you for this space that we can come to and grow closer to You as we grow closer as a community. We also want to say thank you for Your Gospel, and we thank you for all those You have used to this present day. We ask that You would open our hearts and minds to what You have planned for us. We ask that You use us like You have used to many others. As we leave here, we pray that You help us actively live out this Good News every day of our lives. We thank you for everything You have done throughout history, what You are doing right now, and what You will do in the years to come. Amen.*

**Prayer:** *Close in prayer together, praying for yourself and for one another, asking God to strengthen you to love Him and each other more deeply. Ask the Lord to empower your actions as you leave today.*