



Title: Dying with Confidence

Main Scripture: Philippians 1:21-26

Paul's dedication (v 21)

(Col 3:3, Gal 2:20, Phil 3:7)

Paul's dilemma (vv 22-24)

Paul's decision (vv 25-26)

My Funeral Plans

- Cremation or Plot Burial?
- Favourite Music:
- Favourite Scripture or Reading:
- Message or Preacher:
- Slide Show:
- Suggested Speakers:
 - * Eulogy:
 - * Tribute:
- Ushers:
- Other:

Please submit in person or email plans to Pastor Al at ala@heartlandalliance.ca.

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Small Group Sermon Study | Philippians 1:21-26

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 passages of Scripture (Philippians 1:21-26) 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 1:21. What does this verse mean to you? Put it into your own words and share with the group.
4. Lee begins by sharing some of her experiences of being a Chaplain and an End-of-Life Doula. She states that we can have intellectual faith but need to answer the question, "Does my faith translate into peace and help me cope?" Think about this for a moment and then share your initial answer to this question with each other.
5. Lee emphasizes that Paul had a singular focus on Jesus. Read Colossians 3:3 and Galatians 2:20. As you consider these verses would you say that they describe the way you live your life? Why or why not?
6. Lee shares that Paul uses the emphatic phrase, "**for me to live is Christ.**" Have you had a moment, similar to Paul, where for you it became crystal clear that you were going to live for Christ no matter what anyone else around you did? This could be when you became a Christian, but it can also be many moments after that when faced with choices and temptations. Take a moment to think of some examples from your own life and share them with each other.
7. "To die is **gain.**" The word gain, means profit or benefit. When you consider that in dying we gain heaven for earth, rest for toil, and perfection for imperfection, how does that encourage your heart today?
8. Paul acknowledges that remaining in community may be the most important thing for him in this moment even though his desire is to be with Christ. It can be tough to remain in community and love each other well. Share with the group and difficulties and encouragements you've experienced in this over the last few months.
9. Lee states that trust is wrestling. Have you experienced this to be true? Share some examples together.

Personal Reflection and Prayer

Lee emphasizes Living your legacy now. This is about living with intention. Take a moment to share in groups of two what this might look like for you in this season and end with praying for one another.

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.*