

MESSAGE REVIEW

We miss a lot of opportunities God gives us to grow when we're too busy looking for a way out of the seemingly negative circumstances we find ourselves in. We feel stuck and the only thing we pray for is a way out, to get unstuck! But what if we aren't stuck? What if God has us stationed in a certain place at a certain time for something bigger? A greater purpose? Look around. God can use you right where you are!

WARM UP QUESTION

What's the worst job you've ever had OR the least favorite place you've ever lived?

- **Read Acts 16:9-40** for background on how the Philippian church began. Note who would have probably been the founding members of it (vs. 14, 16, 29-34).
- What do you notice throughout this passage about Paul's single-minded focus, even 10 years before he writes the book of Philippians?
- **Read Philippians 1:1-18.** How does Paul remember the Philippian church as he writes to them from a prison cell (vs. 3-11)? What can we learn about healthy Christian relationships from these verses? How do your present relationships need strengthened?
- 4. What has happened to the gospel or Good News as a result of Paul's imprisonment for it (vs. 12-18)? How has God turned a seemingly negative circumstance for good?
- In what area of your life have you felt/do you feel stuck? What would it look like for you to adopt Paul's mindset and flip it to one of feeling stationed called by God to a particular place and time for His purposes?

RESPOND

What have you learned about God from His Word? How is He asking you to apply it to your life? When will you do it?

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