

## SUMMARY

This week, our Student Reading Plans begin the book of Philippians. Often, students don't understand the Bible when they read it because they don't take the time to ask some key questions about the text. We are using this opportunity to teach students how to look for important information about a book of the Bible when they start reading it. The goal is to help students learn to study the Bible on their own in a way that transforms their lives and makes them more like Christ.

## TEXT

Philippians 1:18-26

## OUTLINE

Is Christ worth it?

### **1. We seek to magnify Christ**

- In persecution our goal is Christ's glory not simply rescue from trouble
- The history of the church is filled with men and women who suffered for Christ.

### **2. We are satisfied in Christ**

- To live is Christ, we will not settle for lesser pleasures
- We know that despite hardship and suffering in this life, God will use it for "fruitful labor."

### **3. In death, we gain in Christ**

- To die is gain
- Even death cannot separate us from the hope we have in Christ
- As Christian we don't fear death like the rest of the world. We're not suicidal or hoping to die but we understand that death is not the end for us.

### **4. Christ is better than anything the world has to offer**

- Nothing this world has to offer will ever come close to what we have in Christ.
- We must be prepared to answer the question, "Is Christ worth it?"
- We must answer that both with our words and our lives.

## Discussion Questions

- Why do we read the Bible?  
*We read the Bible to be transformed and to become more like Christ by learning about who God is and what He has done.*
- How can you relate to the people receiving the letter to the Philippians?  
*See Outline #6*