



COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of 8/9/26

Opener (10 minutes or less)

If you had to invent a brand-new holiday that involves a competitive activity for the whole town to see/participate in, what would you call it and what would the competition be?

DISCUSSION (50 minutes or less)

Begin your discussion time in prayer.

Scripture Reading: Philippians 1:18-30

Questions:

1. What stood out to you from the text or Sunday Sermon? What was new, challenging, or encouraging?
 2. Paul says, "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain" (v. 21). In what ways does this statement challenge or encourage you right now? How does this shape your daily priorities, relationships, or ambitions?
 3. Today, when did you make a choice between something personally desirable and something that would benefit others? How did you decide what to do?
 4. In v. 27, what does "worthy of the gospel" look like in your current relationships, workplace, or church community? Where do you find it hardest to stand firm or strive together as one?
 5. Paul says the Philippians' lack of fear in the face of opposition is a sign of both the opponents' destruction and the believers' salvation (v. 28). What helps you move from fear toward courage?
 6. In what ways have you seen difficult times produce growth or unity in a community?
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PERSONAL (30 minutes or less)

1. Oikos - the 8 to 15 people God supernaturally and strategically places in your life. Any oikos moments you would like to share..
2. What is going on in your life (note prayer requests and praise reports)
3. Pray

Philippians 1:18-30

Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰ as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy^[h] of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.