



I WILL SURVIVE DISCUSSION GUIDE

LOVE GOD. LOVE PEOPLE.

SUMMARY:

If we can be honest with ourselves, what we go through in life generally determines our attitude. For a lot of us, our circumstances dictate our character, but for Paul, he's learned how to be content in Christ regardless of the chaos. In Philippians 1, we see Paul not only encourage the church in Philippi while he's in prison, but also give them a fresh perspective in times of difficulty. Let's lean in and learn how we can praise Jesus on the mountaintop and in the valley.

Key Passage: Philippians 1:12-26

Be sure to read this Scripture passage together before you proceed to the "Grow" section of our study.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

KNOW: Spend some time finding out how everyone's week has gone.

The questions in this section provide a guide for connectivity; feel free to approach this part of your group time organically over a meal or "connection" activity or with questions appropriate to your context.

What is something that you are thankful for this week?

What is something that is causing you stress or concern this week?

Who in your life is in need of prayer, physical help, or emotional encouragement right now?

GROW: Grow in the Lord as you engage His Word together.

Have you ever experienced that something difficult you've endured has helped someone else out?

In verses 12-14, How was the Gospel furthered by Paul's imprisonment?

In this passage, Paul makes a powerful and memorable statement: "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

a. What does this statement mean?

b. What does it look like to approach life (work, family, relationships, possessions, success, reputation, etc.) with this attitude?

GO: Talk through ways you can put what you've learned into practice.

How have you seen the Holy Spirit use the truth of the Gospel to change your life? More specifically, what areas has He changed?

What is the difference between joy and happiness?

What circumstances in your life can cause you to believe that God's purposes are thwarted? What helps you see otherwise?