

## BIBLE STUDY.

### Paul's Epistle to the Philippians

#### BIBLE STUDY - WEEK 2 - PHILIPPIANS 1:12-30

1. Phil. 1:12-18

Paul indicates that what has happened to him has served to advance the gospel. In what two important ways has the gospel advanced?

What opportunities do you have in a normal day to advance the gospel?

2. Paul speaks of the good and bad motives of preaching Christ, and yet he does not condemn either way. Why is that?

Think about your motives in joining the church, or joining a bible study, or getting involved in a certain ministry; and then note what is even more important than our motives?

3. Phil. 1:19-26

According to verse 19, what two things is Paul depending?

What do you think Paul means by his deliverance?

How do you feel about death?

At verse 20, Paul speaks of full courage to honour Christ with eager expectation and hope. How could Paul bring honour to Christ if he lives? If he dies?

How is Christ honoured through our actions? What does courage have to do with it?

What do you think Paul meant by, "To live is Christ, to die is gain?"

What can we learn from this and how might we apply it to our life?

At verse 26, Paul uses the words "to glory" - Why is that an appropriate verb to describe how a Christian reacts when he witnesses God at work in another person?

Feel free to give personal examples.

4. Phil. 1:27-30

What does *worthy of the gospel of Christ* mean to you?

What three things does Paul want to hear about the Philippians actions?

What do the verbs he uses reveal about what is involved in the Christian life?

Reflection: When you read these verses, make a note of what stood out for you upon reading. Think about what suffering for Christ means to you. Share your findings with group.