

Philippians 1:12-26

To live is Christ, to die is Gain

What stands out to you from the passage (or from the sermon on Sunday)? Do you have any particular questions about the passage?

Verses 12-18a

What has happened to Paul, and how has it served to advance the gospel?

What is surprising about Paul's response to his situation?

What do you think enables him to react like this?

What would help you shift your focus more from your personal circumstances to the advance of the gospel?

What 3 'incorrect applications' of this passage were mentioned in the sermon? Why are they important to bear in mind? (c.f. <https://www.chatswoodbaptist.com.au/sermons/to-live-is-christ-to-die-is-gain/>)

Verses 18b-26

Why does Paul say he will 'continue to rejoice'? What does he know that gives him cause for joy?

What do you think Paul really means by 'deliverance' in this context? i.e How does verse 20 help us understand verse 19?

In verse 21, Paul expresses the conviction that underpins his attitudes and thinking through this whole passage. How would you express this statement in your own words (or explain it to someone else)?

How does the statement in verse 21 shape the way he considers the possibility of being released from prison in v22-26? What is the overriding priority for him?

What do you think it would look like to adopt the same kind of attitude in your approach to key areas of daily life such as study, work, family and church? Pick an area and think of at least one concrete example of how things could look different...

Pray for God's help to react to the present and consider the future with 'gospel glasses'