

Philippians 1:12-30 Study Questions

Read Philippians 1:12-18

How could Paul's imprisonment encourage others to preach more fearlessly?

What benefits could there be to this increased activity?

What is the significance of "the whole palace guard" knowing about why Paul was in prison for Christ?

What is the difference in some preaching out of good will and some from envy and rivalry?

What criteria does Paul use to determine if something is good or bad?

What lessons can this have for us today?

Read Philippians 1:19-26

What is the difference between Paul's desire for death and suicide?

When, if ever, have you wanted to die?

How do you feel about your own death?

Why did Paul want to remain alive?

What lessons can we learn from this?

When have you seen what appeared to be a bad situation used for good by God?

Read Philippians 1:27-30

What do you understand Paul to mean by "conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ?"

Have you seen someone do this? ... someone not do this? What were the outcomes?

What is the toughest situation you faced this week? Why was it so difficult? How did you deal with it? Have you seen any good come out of it yet?

How can our faithfulness to Christ be a sign of warning to those opposed to Christianity?

What kind of blessing have you seen resulting from people being faithful in trials?

What do you look forward to in heaven?

What motivates you to live a Christian life?

(Questions are based on the New International Version of the Bible. Other translations may add insight into the answers to the questions.)