

Life Group Discussion Guide

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Philippians 1:21-30

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INTRODUCTION

Is it better to live or to die? Paul was faced with the dilemma of what his purpose was. In Philippians 1:21-24 Paul shares how he was torn between two desires: He longed to go and be with Christ, which would be far better for him. But for the sake of those who knew him, it would be better if he continued to live.

You're still living, thus God has a purpose for you. There are those with whom you need to share the Gospel, those you need to serve in some capacity and those in whom you need to invest your life. Who will be better off because you chose to carry out God's purpose for your life?

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. What is one of your top three bucket list items? Why is it on your list?
2. The word hero gets used A LOT today. Who is someone you consider a hero and what makes an individual worthy of that title?

EVALUATE IT

1. In verse 1:21 Paul says; "For me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." How can he say this in all sincerity? Can you?
2. Read Philippians 1:22-25. What is Paul's perspective on "life" and "death"? Furthermore, how does this differ from our contemporary culture's view on these same two topics?
3. Read Philippians 1:27-30. What is a life worthy of the Gospel?
4. What specific things did the Philippians need to do in order to live "worthy" lives?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Verses 21-26 describe Paul's personal mission statement of his life. What is your personal mission statement? How would you answer the question, "Why am I here?"
2. What are some of the difficulties and challenges to living a life worthy of the Gospel in our culture today?

ILLUSTRATION

Steve Brown relates the story of a soldier in World War I who was so distraught with the war that he deserted. He tried to find his way to the coast so he could catch a boat and make his way back incognito to his homeland in England.

In the darkness of the night he stumbled on a road sign. It was so pitch black and he was so lost. He had no idea where he was or what the sign said. He decided to climb the pole. When he got to the crossbeam, he held on to read the sign. Taking out a match, he lit it and looked directly in the face of Jesus Christ. He had climbed an outdoor crucifix!

Stunned by what he saw, he realized the shame of his life. He was looking into the face of the One who had endured it all and had never turned back. The next morning the soldier was back in the trenches.

-Preaching Magazine, 1989



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