

What steps of action do you see as necessary at this point?

How can we put them into practice together?

5. Question 2 addressed how we pray for one another. How can we *specifically* pray for each other, that we would be walking in mindful awareness of the Spirit's presence and power in our lives this week?

Digging Deeper (for further study):

6. If Paul was to continue on in life, he was focused upon a specific mission. How do you see him explain that mission (from verse 23 on)?

How can we bring such a mission into the context of our current life circumstances?

7. How does Paul's attitude about death affect our own perspective on death and dying?

What makes this a difficult subject to talk about?

What hope does the gospel of Jesus Christ insert into the difficulties?

A Christ-Exalting Life, A Christ-Exalting Death
Philippians 1:18b-26
January 25, 2015

1. Christ is exalted in all circumstances (v. 18b-20)

✧ Joy remains...

✧ The means...

✧ Always magnifying Christ...

2. Christ is exalted in life and death (v. 21)

✧ Christ in life...

✧ Gain in death...

3. Christ is exalted in faithful service (v. 22-24)

✧ Productive work in the present...

✧ A matter of tension...

4. Christ is exalted in love for the church (v. 25-26)

✧ Faith's progress and joy...

✧ Mutual support...

Message-Based Discussion Questions

1. As you reflect on the message, what was one observation, application, or insight that stood out to you?

2. Read Philippians 1:18-26 (the text from the message). What is significant about the source(s) of Paul's boldness as he strives to live a life that exalts Christ in all circumstances? (Look specifically at v. 19 to get started.)

How do you pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ? What sort of encouragement or advice would Paul give to us in how we pray for one another?

What does it look like for you to be purposefully dependent upon the power of the Holy Spirit within you?

3. What is Paul's perspective on life and death? How does Paul's perspective on life and death challenge you to examine your own?

Looking at your own life, where are you most likely to substitute something else for a life for Christ? (In other words, "To live is _____" rather than Christ.)

What would be the ultimate results of such substitutes? (In other words, "To die is _____" rather than gain.)

Practicing It Together:

4. How do those last few questions challenge the things you prioritize and value most in life?