

Philippians



student Bible studies

Review Questions

Paul's Attitude in Prison – Philippians 1:1-30

Day 1

1. a. Is there someone you love that you are praying for daily? How can Paul's prayer for the Philippians serve as a pattern for your prayers?

b. If you were "imprisoned" by health or financial problems and unable to physically care for those you love, what ideas for expressing that love could you gain from this chapter?
2. If God has allowed you to see some progress as He works to complete what He has begun in you, you could encourage someone in your Core Group by sharing. Please do so.
3. If you have ever been critical of Christian leaders, compare your attitude to Paul's. What was his attitude, and what is yours?
4. What are Paul's primary concerns as he contemplates the possibility of his own death?
5. What verse from this chapter made the deepest impact on you? Why?

Christ's Example – Philippians 2:1-11

Day 2

7. What impresses you most in your study of this passage?
8. In what relationship do you have the most trouble conforming your attitude to that which Christ exhibited? share this with at least one other person and ask them to pray for you.
9. Can humility be mistaken for weakness? Why, or why not?

Faultless Children of God
Philippians 2:12-30

Day 3

10. a. Note Philippians 2:28; 4:6-7. Read 2 Corinthians 1:23–2:4, 12-13; 11:2-3. Explain Paul's seeming failure to experience the peace that he told his friends how to obtain.
- b. Comment on the things that apparently threatened to steal Paul's joy.
- c. What does he say gives him great pleasure?
11. a. Review the things Paul says should be true of the Philippians — and us.
- b. Note specific ways Timothy and Epaphroditus were good examples for us.

Paul's Testimony
Philippians 3:1-21

Day 4

12. How do you reconcile Paul's wanting to share in Christ's suffering with his joyful attitude?
13. What have you determined is the purpose in this life "for which Christ Jesus took hold of you"?
14. a. What did Paul put confidence in before he met Christ?
- b. List at least three things you tend to depend on rather than depending totally on God.

Final Exhortation and Thanks to the Philippians
Philippians 4:1-23

Day 5

15. If two Christians are having trouble agreeing, what do you think a "loyal yokefellow" (4:3) might do to help?
16. Many verses in Philippians 4 are memorable and quotable. Which is your favorite? Why?
17. What did you appreciate the most from last week's lecture or commentary?
18. What is the most helpful thing you have learned in your study of Philippians?
19. Have you ever stopped to think about what you want more than anything else in life? Reread Philippians 3:10, then write down the verse and think about it. If this were *your* goal, would it shed a different light on some of the difficult or painful things that have happened to you in the last twelve months? In what way?