

Settle it!

Settle your **RESPONSES**

Philippians 1:12-20

'What Then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice' (present tense).

'Yes, I will rejoice!' (Future tense)

vs. 18

Let's Separate our **NATIONAL** Citizenship from our **KINGDOM** citizenship. The second **TRUMPS** the first.

Truths within our **CULTURE** that cause rejoicing:

UNLIKELY pockets of people are hearing about Jesus and getting saved!

Christians are more intensely **TRUSTING** in Jesus and gaining **COURAGE** to speak

Christ is being **BROADCAST** more broadly!

Truths within my **PERSONAL LIFE** that cause rejoicing:

One way or another, God is going to get me **THROUGH** this circumstance.

I will not be put to **SHAME** in anything

Christ will be exalted in my **BODY**

Auburn Grace Community Church – February 27th, 2022

Life Group Discussion Questions – February 27, 2022

Philippians 1:18 "What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice..."

DISCOVER (Read Philippians 1:12-20)

1. Generally, when we listen to or read the news, there is little to celebrate. However, from time to time, a story of "human triumph" emerges. Why do these stories bring delight to our hearts? As an example, recall and discuss your thoughts from the 2018 Tham Luang cave rescue of the Thai boys' soccer team.
2. According to an unbelieving culture, what is the source of jealousy of another's accomplishments? How does our society say we should deal with these feelings? What is the real cause of this jealousy?
3. In v. 12, Paul states that everything that has happened to him has helped spread the Good News. If that's also true for us today, in what ways has the Covid pandemic actually helped intensify the progress of the gospel?
4. What selfish motivation could possibly motivate or push someone to share the gospel? What should be your motive?

EXPLORE

1. Re-read Philippians 1:12-14. Explain how Paul's imprisonment actually helped to spread the gospel message. Shouldn't we be more careful in our witness if we're fearful we will be oppressed in some way? How can we be emboldened in our faith? (see Luke 21:12-15)
2. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:15-18. True joy is not dependent on circumstances yet we are commanded to be always be joyful. How is this possible? Where does our joy come from? What role does our will play in this?

EXPERIENCE

1. Have there been times when you have found yourself critical of the motives or methods of other Christians or pastors? What do you think Paul's advice would be to you when you feel this way?
2. Describe a time when you had to trust Jesus in a difficult situation. Did this embolden you to speak of the mighty work He had done? What excuses do some make for remaining silent and therefore, not reaching out to others? What is one of your favorite stories of a Bible character that emphatically rejoiced when God intervened in their life?
3. Do you agree that the great Name of Jesus is being proclaimed throughout the four corners of the earth today? If this is true, in what ways can we approach a culture with rejoicing in this truth? How does our rejoicing promote the Kingdom of God?

PRAY

Pray... Plead with God for character growth. Ask Him to turn your weaknesses into strengths. Identify areas of shortcoming and pray for transformation in those areas. Spend some time to evaluate the type of things you normally pray for. Make sure that your prayers reflect God's heart and not your own.

Action... How will you rejoice in today, in spite of the most trying of circumstances?