



LIFEgroup Discussion Questions
Sacred Joy: A study of Philippians
October 11, 2009
Philippians 1.12-18

1. What are the circumstances that Paul has had to walk through (1.12-17)?
2. What are some ways that you have seen Christ work in the midst of negative circumstances? How does your view of God change/stay the same in the midst of negative circumstances?
3. How can difficult circumstances increase your dependence on Christ?
4. What should our goal be in all circumstances (1.12, 18)?
5. What is Paul's response to his circumstances (1.18)? How can one respond in such a way?
6. What are you allowing to rob you of your joy? Read Psalm 51.12; James 1.2-3.
7. What effect did Paul's imprisonment have on the church in Rome (1.14)?
8. What did Paul's detractors do (1.15-17)? Were they preaching the same gospel? What was their ambition? Why are they jealous?
9. Why is it harder to witness under more ideal conditions than it is under more difficult situations?