

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2015

CURRENT SERIES: LASTING CHANGE
PHILIPPIANS 1:12-18

We want to see lasting change in our lives. We should expect to see lasting change in our lives if God is at work. We don't want to be stuck in the same pattern of sin and defeat. As He works on us, it should impact the people around us.

Read through Philippians 1:12-18 as a group. Restate the points from Sunday's message.

1. In what ways have you shown the Gospel to be true in your home/workplace this week? Would people look at your life and know who you serve?
2. Think back to a story of someone that was radically changed by the Gospel. What was the effect this story had on your life? (Be prepared to tell a story of life change with the group.)

We allow, indeed, Christ crucified to be preached to us; but when he appears in connection with the cross, then, as though we were thunderstruck at the novelty of it, we either avoid him or hold him in abhorrence, and that not merely in our own persons, but also in the persons of those who deliver the Gospel to us." –John Calvin

3. Discuss the point that John Calvin is making in the quote above. Also, apply this point to what Paul is experiencing as he writes the book of Philippians.
 4. Are you allowing circumstances to destroy your effectiveness, or is your life an encouragement to others even in difficult conditions?
 5. God's Word will go forth even when the vessel He uses to bring it is imperfect. Share some examples of this from the Bible. (Hint: Think of the major stories of the Old and New Testaments.)
- The level of your spiritual maturity is what it takes to rob you of your joy. –John MacArthur*
6. Why is joy during trials an important testimony for the believer to have?