

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, October 25, 2020



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Paul desired to see the gospel advance despite his circumstances; he was encouraged by other believers having a desire to see the gospel advance despite the consequences. And Paul rejoiced that the gospel advanced despite differing motives.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- What "happened" to Paul, and how did it "advance the gospel" (verse 12-13)? Is it your heartfelt desire and joy to advance the gospel of Jesus Christ? Is it clear by the way you live?
- How did the believers with Paul respond to his imprisonment? Where did Paul's passion and confidence come from? Are you instilling confidence in others to share the gospel passionately?
- What obstacles keep you from demonstrating and declaring the gospel (e.g., lack of gospel knowledge, apathy, fear, etc.)? How do we overcome them?
- Discuss how community is vital to gospel advancement.
- What were the two competing motivations for proclaiming the gospel (verses 15-16)? Why could Paul rejoice even when the gospel was proclaimed with impure motivations? Are you joyful when others lead people to Christ?
- What's the difference between preaching a false gospel (Galatians 1:15-18) and preaching the gospel with impure motives?
- What motivates you to proclaim the gospel? Who in your sphere of influence needs to hear the gospel?