

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Speaker: Chris Royalty Sunday: June 7, 2020

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Now, read Philippians 1:12-30.
- 3) Paul begins this passage by talking about how a bad situation (being locked in jail) was used for a good thing (the furthering of the gospel). Has there ever been a situation like this in your life? i.e. a bad thing that turned out to be a good thing in God's providence.
- 4) Have you ever known someone who seemed to preach Christ from bad motives? (vv. 15-18). How did you react to their insincerity?
- 5) Paul says we *should* react by rejoicing that the gospel is being shared (even if from bad motives). How does this make you feel? Do you have trouble following Paul's instruction regarding this? Why or why not?
- 6) In verse 19, Paul talks about rejoicing in every situation. How are you rejoicing in your life right now? In what areas / situations are you struggling to rejoice right now?
- 7) In verse 27, Paul shares his desire that the Philippians "lead a life worthy of the gospel of Jesus Christ." What do you think this means. Describe it.
- 8) Who are the people whom you're praying for that they would "lead a life worthy of the gospel of Jesus Christ."
- 9) Verse 28 is sort of confusing. What do you think it means?
- 10) In verse 29, Paul says that the Philippians have been given the opportunity to not only believe in Jesus, but also to suffer for him. Have you ever suffered for Jesus? Do you expect to suffer in some way for Jesus during your life?

11)	End your time in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to help apply to your life what you've been learning and discussing.