

1. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ in my life when He is my life.

*Philippians 1:18-21, Acts 18:9-11*

"Life is \_\_\_\_\_."

2. Being present with Jesus is not a " \_\_\_\_\_ ,"  
but the prize itself.



*Philippians 1:22-26*

You do not have a Biblically-informed view of Heaven if you can imagine its \_\_\_\_\_ as being anything other than being with Jesus.

*Colossians 3:1-4*

Jesus' promise to us of eternity with Him in Heaven creates confidence in us for our \_\_\_\_\_ while we labor faithfully on mission \_\_\_\_\_.



3. Suffering isn't a reason to live \_\_\_\_\_ with the Gospel.

*Philippians 1:27-30*

Jesus followers all around the world are suffering for their faith today and while we may not suffer in significant ways yet, this passage is powerful because it prepares us for when we \_\_\_\_\_.

*John 15:20, 16:33, 1 Peter 4:12-13*



# SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

## *Read Philippians 1:19-30*

For what reasons did Paul express joy in these verses? What did he know?

Paul undoubtedly knows that he will be delivered from his current situation (v 19). As a Roman citizen, he could have been confident in the legal system. However, it is evident Paul's confidence is in the Philippian believers' prayers and in God's provision. In what areas of life do you find yourself putting hope in things outside of Christ?

It is safe to say that most of us believe in the power of prayer. It is also safe to say that our prayer life doesn't always reflect that high value we have of prayer. What prevents you from regularly praying to God for those in your Oikos?

## *Read Philippians 1:21-24*

As a group, process what Paul is saying here. How does his own desire conflict with what the Philippian church needs? Ultimately, what is the outcome Paul hopes for?

How does Paul's definition of life differ from how many people today view the purpose of life? Where do you see this tension most clearly lived out in our community?

