



PREACHING CURRICULUM

ALL FOR CHRIST - PHILIPPIANS 1:12-18

"I suggest to you that it is because God loves us that he gives us the gift of suffering. Pain is God's megaphone to rouse a deaf world."

– C.S. Lewis

1

REVIEW THE SERMON

"When our mission is to see Jesus proclaimed (i.e., the Gospel go forward), then obstacles (actually) turn into opportunities."

What is Paul's backstory, and what significance does it bear on his message to those in Philippi? Or, what is significant about where Paul is located as he is writing this letter to the Philippians? _____

How did Paul's boldness embolden those around him? (Vs.14) What is the takeaway for us as followers of Christ? _

How was Paul not be marked by grumbling or complaining? What did this communicate to those in Philippi? What does this communicate to us and those around us when we follow this example? _____

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

"God is creative in using the obstacles in our life as opportunities, so long as you are willing to put Him first."

Can you think of at time when your plans got changed or messed up, and then God ended up turning them into an opportunity to reach other people and minister to them? What was the outcome? _____

What drew you to Christ? What did the journey to faith look like? _____

How has the Christian witness of a brother or sister in Christ emboldened your faith? Have you had that same effect on someone else? _____

3

APPLY THE TRUTH

"...oddly enough when trials come, your pain and frustration and setback become a megaphone. And you can use that megaphone to gripe, or you can use it to advance the Gospel."

How you answer these two questions are fundamental to the Christian faith. 1. Do you believe God is ultimately in control of all things? 2. Do you believe that God will accomplish His purposes? In light of how you would answered these two questions, how does believing He's actually in control and that He will in fact accomplish His purposes affect your daily life and obedience to Him? _____

How do you think the Lord can use the hatred and enmity of others to actually advance God's purposes in and through you? How is He accomplishing this in your life today? _____

How can you use previous suffering you have experienced to encourage others and build up the body of Christ? _____

4

COMMIT THIS WEEK

"The only thing I want in life is to be known for loving Christ, to build up His church, to love His Bride, and make His name known far and wide."

How will I actively seek to use past/present suffering or difficult circumstances to bless another follower of Jesus this week? _____

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PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISE REPORTS

DATE: _____

PERSON	REQUEST	ANSWER/PRAISE REPORT