



Week 3 Discussion Questions
Thanksgiving and Prayer
Philippians 1:12-18

Icebreaker:

What is one thing you hope to get out of this sermon series and out of this community this Fall?

Read this week's passages: Philippians 1:12-18

What stands out to you from the passages or sermon this week?

Our society generally values self-confidence, while it also recognizes the downsides of over-confidence. What does it mean to have “confidence” in something and what kinds of things can/do people tend to put their confidence in?

Reflect on life lately. Where have you put your trust when things are going well? Where have you put your trust when things are hard?

What is Paul's life situation as he writes the letter to the Philippians?

In the midst of persecution and suffering, Paul says that his experiences serve an important purpose—advancing the gospel. How does Paul's imprisonment advance the gospel?

How is it that Paul can have this perspective in such unthinkable circumstances?

Paul knows who God is and it shapes everything about his life. What are the things that stand out when you think of how God has revealed Himself and what do you consider to be God's defining characteristics?

How does knowing God and reflecting on His character shape your perspective on life and what impact does it have on your confidence?

What is the risk you face or fears you have when boldly trusting God in the midst of suffering or persecution?

How does confidence in God give you the opportunity to advance the gospel?

What contrasting motivations does Paul compare in these verses and which motivations does he urge the Philippians to have in their advancing of the gospel?