



Week 4 Discussion Questions
Thanksgiving and Prayer
Philippians 1:19-26

Icebreaker:

Read this week's passages: Philippians 1:19-26

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

Paul is imprisoned as he writes this letter to the Philippians, but when he speaks of deliverance, he looks to the hope of a future salvation beyond his current circumstances. His desire for deliverance in this case is for both the now and the not yet. What circumstance are you currently facing that you desire deliverance and relief?

How does the hope of salvation in Christ orient your response to your current circumstances?

Paul says it is the prayer of his fellow Christians and the help of the Holy Spirit that allow him to endure his current trials. Who are the people in your life that pray for you regularly and who are you praying for regularly?

How have you experienced the Holy Spirit's presence in your life lately and how does this encourage your faith?

Reflect on life right now: What are the top five things you are investing your time and energy into right now? (Not what you want to invest or prioritize, but what is the reality in life right now?)

Based on your current priorities and time investment, what stands out as the central motivation in your life? (For who and what purpose is your life oriented?)

Look back at this week's passage. What does Paul understand is his life's purpose and how does that shape the priorities of his life and time investment?

What does Paul mean by the phrase, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." How would your life look different moving forward if this truth were true of you as well?

Read Romans 12:3-8. As members of the body of Christ, we are united by a common goal of living out the gospel in the world, but our unique giftings and callings contribute to that goal in various ways. Paul calls this "fruitful labor." How has God gifted or called

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you? How has God produced fruit through you? How might he continue or begin to do so in your life?