

# SERMON OUTLINE Philippians 1:18b-26

Deliverance

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***DELIVERANCE? (vs. 18-20)***

***TO LIVE IS CHRIST (21)***

***I AM TORN (22-24)***

***PAUL'S REMARKABLE CHOICE (25-26)***

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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## MAIN POINT

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The big idea of this passage is that Christ should be the great desire of every Christian. Thus, the main takeaway is to let the desire to see Christ exalted rule our hearts and drive our response to every trial.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. What do you need to be fully alive? What barriers do you imagine make joy in the Lord impossible?
3. What is the hope that Job and Paul shared?
4. What did Paul mean by deliverance?
5. What would shame have looked like in Paul's circumstances?
6. What attitudes and behaviors betray mis-calibrated hearts in such circumstances?
7. How does such a response relate to idolatry in our hearts?
8. What does Paul mean by "to live - Christ, to die - gain"?

## AREAS OF APPLICATION

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9. Consider a repeated or ongoing trial in your life.
  - a. What assumptions or beliefs about it rob you of joy in the Lord?
  - b. What outcome is your supreme desire?
  - c. What would "full courage" mean? How can Christ be honored in your body in that trial?
10. Ask your husband or wife what comes out of you when you're "squeezed".
11. Find the things you want more than Christ's glorification through you and repent.
12. Pray for your brothers and sisters using Philippians 1:19-22 as a guide.
13. Exhort one another with Philippians 1:18-26.
14. Share the gospel this week with someone who's bitter over suffering or afraid of dying.
15. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and (2) How you can pray for them.
16. Pick one specific thing you mean to do differently, with the Spirit's help, as a result of the things you heard in this text/sermon.

## PRAYER POINTS

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17. Adoration. Praise God for being all-wise, all-powerful, and all-willing to work all for your good.
18. Confess. Confess unbelief, entitled attitudes, and resistance to serving the Master's interests.
19. Thanksgiving. Thank God for the prayers of the saints on your behalf and the provision of the Spirit.
20. Supplication. Ask God to make us a church that prays. Ask Him to give us courage to eagerly live for fruitful labor and die for His interests, trusting in the sufficiency of Christ.