Paul's Chains Advance the Gospel - Philippians 1:12-30

Topics: Believers, Circumstances, Courage, Death, Faith, Gospel, Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ, Joy, Life, Motives, Prayer, Reputation, Salvation, Suffering

Open It

1. How interested are you in the lives of famous people?
* 2. How often do you watch TV shows or read articles about celebrities?

Explore It

3. How was Paul's ministry affected by his bondage? (1:12-14)
* 4. Why was Paul being talked about? (1:13)
5. How did Paul's incarceration affect the testimony of others? (1:14)
6. Why did some people preach Christ out of envy and rivalry? (1:15-17)
7. Why did some people preach Christ in love? (1:15-16)
* 8. What made Paul rejoice? (1:18)
9. Why did Paul expect to be delivered from his predicament? (1:19)
10. How did Paul expect to be delivered? (1:19-20)
11. What was Paul's main purpose in living? (1:21)
* 12. What were Paul's convictions about living and dying? (1:22-24)
13. Why did Paul think he would remain alive? (1:24-26)
14. What did Paul want the believers to do? (1:27-30)
15. How did Paul tell the Philippians to face opposition? (1:27-30)
16. How did Paul encourage the Christians at Philippi? (1:29)

Get It

* 17. How did Paul's notoriety work to his advantage?
18. How would you like the reputation of being a fearless Christian?
19. To what degree do you share Paul's passion for the gospel?
20. For what do you truly live?
21. Whom do you know who is suffering for Christ right now?
22. How is your church different from the Philippian church?
* 23. What's the toughest thing you've had to experience as a Christian?
24. What are you willing to risk to have the reputation of being a fearless Christian?
25. What about your life-style do you most want to change in your desire to live for Christ?

Apply It

26. What step toward dedicating every area of your life to Christ can you take today?
* 27. What can you do today to encourage someone who is suffering because of his or her faith?