

## LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

## *Philippians 1:18b-26*

These questions are for the **October 27, 2024** message, “JOY IN CHRIST: unwavering confidence in uncertain times – Joyful Confidence.” Please read the sermon passage (Philippians 1:18b-26) together out loud.

### Passage Outline

Joyful confidence in Jesus Christ changes everything:

1. Expectations about today (18b-20)
  - a. This situation will turn out for my deliverance
  - b. I will not be ashamed
  - c. Whether by my life or by my death, Christ will be honored
2. Certainty about ultimate realities (21-24) (life and death)
  - a. To live is Christ and to die is gain
  - b. To be with Christ is better than to live in the flesh
  - c. To remain here is more necessary for others
3. What if God does it? (25-26) (our greatest dreams)
  - a. I anticipate God’s goodness and faithfulness
  - b. I desire to be a blessing to others, and to glorify Jesus Christ

### **Life Group Discussion Questions**

1. In challenging situations, how can our confidence in God impact our hope? How does our hope, in turn, impact our testimony or how we talk about Jesus and represent Him to the world around us?
2. Clearly, the Apostle Paul was looking forward to being with Jesus. And yet, he also understood that his presence in this life meant that God still had meaningful work for him to do. How has God uniquely positioned you to touch the lives of others on His behalf, even if it means you may have to endure difficulty?
3. How is it that we are able to “know” that God will deliver us through the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, and through the prayers of other believers? Does that mean that we won’t experience difficult times? Why or why not?
4. If God calls on us to endure very difficult things—even death, how can we honor Him in that?
5. What are some ways that the members of your life group can encourage one another as you seek to glorify Jesus, especially through challenging times? How might those challenges also give you an opportunity to encourage your unbelieving friends to consider trusting Jesus?