

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: January 3, 2018**  
**Philippians 1:12-26**

1. What has happened to Paul (what is he referring to in verse 12)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What does Paul tell the believers about this situation?
  - a. It isn't fair.
  - b. He hates it.
  - c. It has served to advance the gospel.
3. Do we see what God is doing (look for his hand) even in our difficult circumstances?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Explain. \_\_\_\_\_
4. How has his imprisonment served to advance the gospel, according to verses 13-14?
  - a. I don't know, wasn't he preaching everywhere before he got locked up?
  - b. It has become clear throughout the whole palace guard (or whole palace) and to everyone else that he is in chains for Christ.
  - c. Most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.
5. Why does Paul say what he says in verses 15-18?
  - a. It sounds like some have suggested that not everybody who preaches the gospel have pure motives.
  - b. He seems to want to point out that some preach for the right reason even if not all do.
  - c. He wants to point out that whatever the reason for the preaching, Christ is preached and that is what is important.
6. What does it look like to preach Christ out of envy and rivalry?
  - a. I don't know, that seems like a contradiction.
  - b. Trying to grow your own church and followers instead of looking to work together for the advancement of the kingdom.
  - c. Trying to convince people to follow you instead of another preacher, when we should all be following the same Christ.
  - d. Sounds like 1 Corinthians 3 applies.
7. How does Paul feel about the outcome of all of this, according to verses 19-26?
  - a. He knows that the prayers of the people and God's provision will end in his deliverance.
  - b. He is confident that whatever happens, he will be faithful to God and bring him glory, whether it is by his life or in his death.
  - c. He recognizes what Christ is doing in his life, but actually prefers death and eternity with Christ.
8. What is your attitude toward life and the outcome of your situations? \_\_\_\_\_  
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