

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: October 9, 2016
Philippians 1:12-26

1. What has happened to Paul (what is he referring to in verse 12)? _____

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?
 - 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. What does Paul say about the people who are preaching Christ because of his chains?
 - a. Some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry.
 - b. Some preach Christ out of selfish ambition.
 - c. Some want to stir up trouble or gain followers that used to be connected with Paul while he is locked up.
 - d. Others preach out of goodwill.
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 respond to those preachers who would 'steal' followers or preach out of selfish ambition?
 - a. He attacks them.
 - b. He asks "what does it matter?"
 - c. He refocuses attention on the One who deserves the glory rather than playing the same game by trying to convince people to continue following him.
 - d. He rejoices that the gospel is being preached...period.
8. How does Paul feel about the outcome of all of this, according to verses 19-26? _____

9. What is your attitude toward life and the outcome of your situations? _____
