

Fellow Partakers of Grace (November 14)
Philippians 1:7-8
To Live is Jesus – Series #6
Discussion Questions

WARM UP:

What do you most appreciate about other followers of Jesus?

OPENING PRAYER

***THINK BACK:** Referring back to this week's sermon...

What is the BIG IDEA of the Scripture AS IT WAS TAUGHT THIS WEEK?

What is one thing that left you with questions?

*Remind people to watch on-line if they were unable to attend the Sunday Worship Gathering.

READ: Philippians 1:7-8 (Or read all of Philippians 1 and go back to emphasis 1:7,8)

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

What does it mean to hold someone in your heart?

How does seeing another follower of Jesus as a fellow partaker of grace impact how you regard that person?

What does it mean to defend and confirm the Gospel?

What are things we can say to people far from God these days that would defend and/or confirm the Gospel? What are things that we can do to defend or confirm the Gospel?

Who in the family of God do you yearn for with the affection of Christ Jesus? (Who in the family of God would you like to not have to interact with ever again?!)

How does affection for other followers of Jesus grow?

What's one practical thing you can do this week to deepen your affection for another follower of Jesus (either someone in this group or someone at FCC)?

How can we partner with followers of Jesus who are being persecuted for their faith?

What is one specific thing we can do this month as a group that will defend or confirm the Gospel?

FURTHER APPLICATION

What is one thing from this text that you could say to an unbeliever about who God is?

Think about what most caught your attention in the text or discussion. Why is God catching your attention with this at this point in your life? What does God want you to know or do?

PRAYER

Ask people for specific prayer requests. Pray for needs **and** for applications of the text. Ask for volunteers who would like to pray for those people and requests.

Prayer for the salvation of neighbors, by name. (BLESS)

WORSHIP

If you have the right leader and numbers, sing a FAMILIAR song or two of praise and worship.

SHEPHERDING

Check the roster and see who is not there. Does the group know why someone is not there? Are there needs that can be met by the group? Specific prayer requests? **Ask for a volunteer to reach out and say, "We missed you."**

MISSION

Ask about ideas to serve in some way together. Serve 1x every six weeks or so.

- **Encourage people to invite friends or neighbors to your group!!** One way to reach 'out' together is to welcome people 'in.'
- Ruby's **Pantry** November 18. Sign up your group to serve during or after
- Consider providing a meal for Senior High CHAOS. Contact Pastor Ben.
- Is there a Ministry Team our Small Group can be part of together this month?

FAMILY BUSINESS

- Talk about childcare, if needed. How will your group do this?
- Talk about any upcoming group meals or activities.

SCRIPTURE FOR NEXT WEEK: Philippians 1:9-11

CLOSING PRAYER