



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week Two
Philippians 1:12-14

PRAY

Take time **before** your discussion to pray with and for one another. Be sure to write down the things you'll be praying for so you can continue to pray for your group throughout the week.

→ *If you're meeting virtually, use the Chat feature to write out these requests as they are shared. Use that list as a reference during the prayer time (and you can copy & paste it for your reference later in the week).*

INTRODUCTION

What's the most memorable thing that has ever happened to you while sharing your faith?

What obstacles or fears do you normally face when sharing both your faith in Christ and the experiences in your relationship with Him?

READ PHILIPPIANS 1:12-14

Paul was in prison but joyful. What difficult circumstance are you dealing with today? What's your attitude toward this situation?

Why does it matter how Christians act in trying situations?

Why did Paul say his imprisonment had been for good? Where has God been able to "chain" for good in your life?

Have you ever been in a situation that you knew God was using to spread the gospel? If so, describe that experience.

What kinds of things must Paul have believed to be true about God in order to respond to his situation like this?

Who encourages you by the way they live for Christ? Describe a time when, like the Roman believers, someone else's struggle or suffering emboldened you to share the gospel.

APPLY IT

Why should suffering for the sake of the gospel increase our boldness (as it did Paul's), rather than decrease it? What can we be confident in amid suffering?

Have any of your circumstances—job, family, friendships, etc.—changed recently? If so, what new opportunities might exist for you to spread the gospel?

In addition to a verbal witness, how can we proclaim the gospel in places we go? In what sense do we represent Christ in all those places?

PRAY TOGETHER

Close with a prayer of encouragement for your group, challenging them to pursue boldness this week. Thank God for the examples of Paul and others who show us how to make the advancement of the gospel a top priority in our lives.