



STUDY GUIDE

WHEN YOU FACE: Setbacks!

WEEK OF August 25, 2019

Philippians 1:12-14

CONNECT

1. Explain what impacted you the most from Pastor Troy's message.

GROW

2. Read Philippians 1:12-14. Based on what you know about the apostle Paul, how would you describe his attitude toward coping with difficult situations?

3. How could Paul say that his situation had "actually advanced the gospel"? How could that be and what evidence did he offer to support that claim?

- 4. Paul noted that everyone who had been around him knew he was in prison because of his faith in Jesus. How well-known is your commitment to Christ to those with whom you associate daily? How can you tell?**

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

- 6. 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.**

- 7. Read Philippians 1:15-18. Based on these verses, what negative result did Paul's situation have on others in the church? For what reasons, good and bad, did Paul say people were motivated to proclaim the gospel?**

- 8. Why do our motives for spreading the gospel matter? According to Philippians 1:18, what was Paul's response to the various gospel proclamations taking place, regardless of the motive?**

9. Read 2 Timothy 1:8-12. What is the benefit of sharing in suffering for the gospel? How does one rely on the power of God during suffering?

10. What made Paul unashamed of the gospel in difficult times, and what things had Paul been entrusted with? How does Jesus guard these things on our behalf?

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

12. In addition to a verbal witness, how can we proclaim the gospel at places we go? What needs to happen for the gospel to truly advance throughout our community and impact the lives of most people who live here?