

GOSPEL ADVANCE. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

PHIL. 1:1-18

1 Gospel relationships grow in a context of partnership or fellowship.

♥ *When the gospel is absent, what other things take the center of gravity in your relationships?*

⚙️ *What are some evidences of gospel fellowship in your life?*

2 Paul encouraged us to pray for the gospel fruit of love informed by knowledge (Phil 1:9). Does knowledge of God really enhance our love for him?

📖 *What do you think of this quote by Frank Sheed, “It would be a strange God who could be loved better by being known less. Love of God is not the same thing as knowledge of God; love of God is immeasurably more important than knowledge of God; but if a man loves God knowing little about Him, he should love God more from knowing more about Him: For every new thing known about God is a new reason for loving Him.”*

💡 *What are two ways you can enhance your knowledge of God this week, such that you love him more?*

3 Paul was in jail and yet he didn't spiral into self-pity and despair. He proclaimed Christ such that the gospel became known throughout the whole imperial guard (Phil. 1:13). Some people say that the measure of your commitment is defined by what it takes to stop you. For Paul, even prison didn't stop him from proclaiming the gospel.

🗣️ *What about you? Do you share Christ with people around you (neighbors, co-workers, friends)? If not what often stops you?*

♥ *Perhaps you could take some specific time this week to pray for Salt Lake City. Pray that the gospel would advance here, and that the Lord would use you in the process.*

4 In Philippians 1 there are different people preaching and proclaiming Christ. For what reasons, good and bad, did Paul say people were motivated to proclaim the gospel?

⚙️ *What are your strongest motivations to share the gospel?*

📖 *How does this passage speak to believers who may not have a heart for the gospel?*

