

FOR ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

PHIL. 1:18B-26

1 **Paul had a definition of life that allowed Him to face great uncertainty with confidence, purpose and joy.** What was it? Read Phil. 1:18b-21. For me to live is _____.

- 🗨️ *How does Paul's definition of life differ from how many people today view the purpose of life?*
- 🗨️ *Where do you see this tension most clearly lived out in our community?*
- 🗨️ *What in our culture makes it difficult to focus on Christ above everything else? What's at stake if Christians prioritize these things above Christ?*

2 **In verse 19, Paul is quoting an OT author named Job.** Look at the context of the passage Paul quotes from Job 13. "Though he slay me, I will hope in him, yet I will argue my ways to his face. This will be my salvation." Hint: the word deliverance in Phil. 1:19 is the same as the word salvation in Job 13.

- 📖 *Why do you think Paul connects His experience to the story of Job?*
- 📖 *What encouragement can you take from both of these stories?*

3 **"For me, to live is . . ."** Given your priorities and schedule this week, how would you honestly finish this sentence? What needs to change in your own life in order for you to be able to agree completely with Paul?

- 🗨️ *What are some things that might happen in our community if everyone at our church lived their lives solely for Christ and His work through them?*
- 🗨️ *Which of the ways of making Christ your life was most impactful to you this week? Jesus is your life. So, 1) I live to honor Christ. 2) I live like Jesus (for others). 3) I live to be with Jesus.*

4 **Take a moment to frame this Christ-centered prayer by St Patrick in your own words.** "As I arise today, may the strength of God pilot me, the power of God uphold me, the wisdom of God guide me. May the eye of God look before me, the ear of God hear me, the word of God speak for me. May the hand of God protect me, the way of God lie before me, the shield of God defend me, the host of God save me. May Christ shield me today. Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit, Christ when I stand, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. Amen."

