



November 6, 2022 Happy Perspectives

Philippians 1:12-30

Summary – Much of our lives happen to us in ways we cannot control. Events or people that are unpleasant have the power to alter our day or our lives. Paul is no stranger to these forces and sits in prison because of the evil motives of people and unfortunate events. However, in the middle of his cell he pens a brilliant perspective that works in all circumstances.

Scripture – Philippians 1:12-30, 4:22; Genesis 50:20; Ecclesiastes 2:1-25; Romans 8:28; 2 Timothy 1:7; 2 Corinthians 4:17

Community Group Questions:

(There is no obligation to discuss every question)

1. How did Sunday's teaching change your perspective on what it means to view circumstances as opportunities to further the Kingdom?
2. "On Earth we have a unique opportunity to give the Lord our praise in pain." Discuss
3. Share ways you've seen God use judo-theology, turning what was meant for evil to good.
4. "All of us have a mixture of emotions and motives, but God can use you." Discuss
5. We all live "east of Eden today" but have a tendency to want to perfect our lives (Goldilocks Syndrome). How can this mindset rob you of happiness?
6. "Have lines in the sand for your life otherwise the tides of culture will take you out to sea." Discuss
7. "Pleasure and pain come from the same root." How can we make suffering more of the gift God intends it to be?