

Ice Breaker

(in groups of 2 or 3 for larger groups)

Share about a time when you were really focused on something, even to the point where other things faded into the background. What was it, what kept your focus locked in, and what was the outcome?

Talk About it!

Part 1

Read Philippians 1:12–14

Discuss:

- Share about a time when something difficult in your life ended up blessing someone else or even leading to someone hearing the gospel.
- How does your focus shape the story you're telling yourself in hard moments?
- What do you do to get your focus on Jesus?

Part 2

Read Philippians 1:15-18

Discuss:

- Share about a time when someone else's actions made it hard for you to stay positive.
- How will you apply Paul's perspective to your own relationships or disappointments?

Part 3

Read Philippians 1:19-21

Discuss:

- Paul says, "For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better." Share about how you would honestly finish this sentence: "For to me, living means _____."
- What would need to shift in your life for Christ to become your central focus?

Part 4

Read Philippians 1:23 and 2 Corinthians 5:6-8

Discuss:

- What do these verses teach about the state of Christians immediately after death?
- How does this comfort you?
- How does this energize you?

Part 5

Read Philippians 1:21-26

Discuss:

- A. Paul wrestled with a desire to be with Christ, but he stayed for the sake of others. Share about a time when you had to set aside your preference for someone else's good.
- B. How is God calling you to focus on serving others right now?

Part 6

Read Philippians 1:27-30

Discuss:

- A. Is there a place in your life where your behavior doesn't match who you belong to as a citizen of Heaven?
- B. In what way could the Holy Spirit be prompting a redirect?

Part 7

Read verse 21 again, and then reflect on the whole passage

Discuss:

- A. Share about one area of your life right now where you need a renewed focus on Jesus.
- B. How will you apply this passage this week to refocus and live with purpose and perspective?

Group Prayer Time

- Pray for an increase in the way you serve and for the Lord to reveal how you can serve in a greater capacity
- Pray for renewed focus on Jesus
- Pray that the Lord to give you a heart to rejoice through all circumstances
- Pray for the season you are in—let the Lord reveal your purpose in the season even if it's not what you expected.

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