

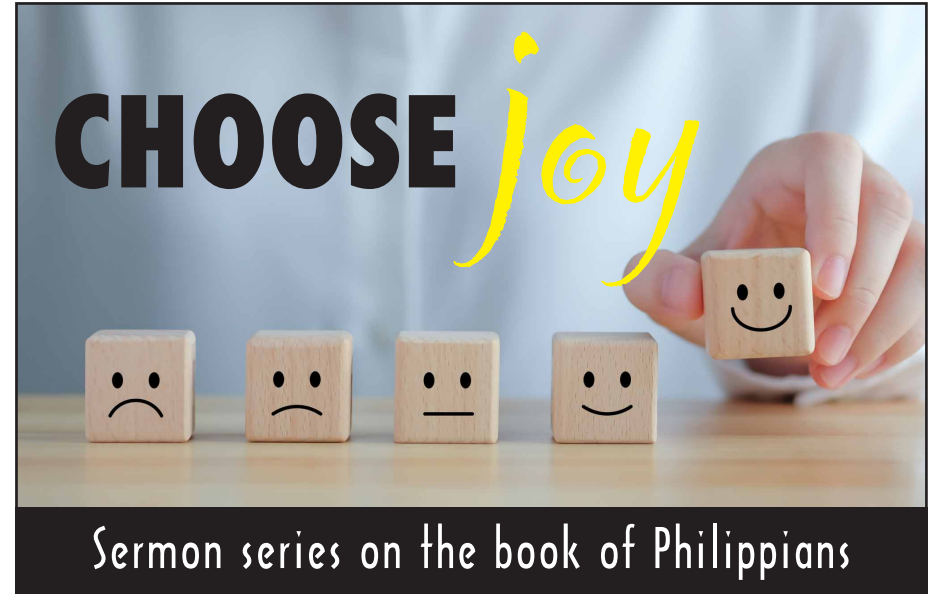
Prayer Items - January 14th

Small Groups

- Praise God for our leadership to initiate Small Groups, to bring people together.
- Pray for Shawn as he leads this ministry.
- For Peter's sermon notes, that guide and enhance the sermon.
- Pray for new people to connect and grow together in Christ with a small group.
- New leaders are needed to host the bible study.
- Pray for everyone to grow spiritually.

Study Continued

7. Our desire should always be for Christ to be "exalted," in our life. The word, exalted, is the Greek word 'megalooon' which literally means: To be made great. How can we live in the midst of our struggles in a way that Jesus is, "made great."
8. Read Philippians 1:21-26. What is Paul's attitude towards his life? (Also read Galatians 2:20)
9. Read Philippians 1:27-30. What does it mean to conduct yourself in a manner worthy of the Gospel. From this passage, what does this look like in practical terms?



*"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain."
Philippians 1:21*

1. Grace, Peace, Partnership and Purpose 1:1-11
2. Live Life in View of Eternity 1:12-30

Awana Clubs
CHILDREN'S MIDWEEK PROGRAM
Starts this week
Wednesday's 6.30-8pm

Reggies Cubbies Sparks engage

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER
Monday January 15th
6.30pm
Speaker: Rick Bradford

Choose Joy - See Life in Light of Eternity

I need to live my life in view of _____

My life is a _____ to present the story of God

MY LIFE: A BACKDROP TO PRESENT THE STORY OF JESUS

Background:

2 Cor 5:20 We are therefore Christ's _____, as though God were making His appeal through ____

God wants to use my life to display His _____ and tell His _____

MY CIRCUMSTANCES: SERVE TO ADVANCE THE GOSPEL

v.12 Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has actually served to _____

v.13 As a result...

Dedicate your _____ to God

v.14 And because of my chains...

MY JOY: GOD IS USING MY LIFE FOR HIS GLORY

v.15-18a Paul's attitude towards those who wanted to do him harm:

5 decisions we need to make:

1. v.18b-19

2. v.20

3. v.20

4. v.21

5. v.27

1. What does it mean to live our life in view of eternity?

2. Read Acts 23:11. Paul had been arrested in Jerusalem, even though he had done nothing wrong. However, God told him that he would testify for Him in Rome - God didn't tell him when that would happen or what he would have to go through. Paul would spend the next 2 years in prison in Israel, be shipwrecked on the way to Rome, and then spend 2 more years in prison in Rome - and it would be from prison that he would testify to the people in Rome. What does this teach us about trusting Him in the midst of our struggles? Also read 2 Corinthians 5:20

3. Read Philippians 1:12-18. Why do you think God uses our circumstances to give us opportunity to share the Good News about Jesus?

How important is it for us to recognise that God is active in the midst of our troubles, not just to help us through them, but to show others the importance of knowing Jesus Christ?

4. There were those in Rome who were telling people about Jesus, but in doing so, they hoped that it would cause more trouble for Paul. Whether these people claimed to be Christians, we don't know. What was Paul's attitude towards these people?

How do we respond to people who are Christians, but treat us badly?

5. Read Philippians 1:18b-19. Pastor Peter gave five decisions that we need to make in order to see life in light of eternity (see notes opposite). The first was to rejoice in the midst of our circumstances because we realise that God has His hand on our life. Why is this important?

6. Read Philippians 1:20. The next two decisions come out of this verse. First, to live in a way that I won't later be ashamed of my actions or attitude. If we have "blown it" at some time, what must we do?