

Sermon Application Study

October 11, 2026

Target Passage → Philippians 1:18b-26

1. When Paul says he rejoices does he mean that he's happy to be in prison? Explain.
2. What does Paul see as the benefits of being in prison? Refer to Phil.1:12-18
3. When Paul says he's sure he will be delivered from prison, what does he mean? Which method of deliverance does he prefer and why? Is it ok to think like Paul on this point?
4. Why does Paul say being released from prison alive means fruitful ministry? If ever there was a guy who could take a break from ministry, it would be Paul. Why does he think the way he does?

Bridge Passages (for further study) → Romans 5:1-5, Philippians 1:12-18

For Me →

1. Do you ever view your suffering as an opportunity to honor Christ and benefit the advancement of the gospel?
2. Are you ever tempted to shy away from the mission of the church and not do fruitful ministry? Explain.

For the Mission →

1. Do you have the mentality of a missionary? What are some tangible ways you can see this mentality guiding your choices?
2. If you have children, have you ever encouraged them to consider dedicating their lives to taking the gospel to unreached/unengaged people groups, even if it's dangerous? Why or why not?

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray boldly asking the Lord to give you courage to engage in fruitful ministry. Ask the Lord what he would call you to sacrifice for his mission.