



Group Time

LOOK BACK:

1. Each participant shares one praise and one prayer request. (Commit these to prayer for the coming week.)

2. ENCOURAGEMENT 1-on-1 (See page 46 for directions)

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3. Review last week's lesson.

Which gospel sharing method did you memorize and how did it go sharing it?

LOOK UP:

Question: If you've been a Christian for any length of time you've heard the quote, *"To live is Christ, to die is gain."* How would you explain that to a non-believer without it coming off as a flippant platitude? How committed are you for the sake of the gospel?

1. **Review your notes from the Gathering Time (Sermon).**
2. **Context:** As Paul continues his letter to the Philippians, we must remain aware that he is in prison and his immediate future is unknown. Will he be executed tomorrow, set free, or same-ole-same-ole? To him it truly doesn't matter. Alive, he will proclaim Christ. Dead, he will be with Christ. Win-Win.

But here's the issue, while the dead thing is a promise, the alive thing isn't so comfortable. Today, in a society that is seemingly totally based on seeking and rewarding comfort, having the commitment to *"live for Christ"* can be a very difficult and costly counter-cultural choice. It takes confidence in the gospel and total conviction of heart.

3. Discussion:

- What are three practical, real-life ways to demonstrate God's love?

- What are three practical ways to declare the good news of the gospel, and who needs to hear it?

- What are three ways to disciple (train) others to do these?

LOOK FORWARD: Application

Point: *Spiritual commitment is proven by physical action.*

- How will you demonstrate God's love this week?

- How will you declare the good news of the Gospel this week?

- How will you disciple (train) others to do these also?

