



This Week's Icebreaker Questions:

With the winter season now in full effect this very important question has to be answered – what is your favorite kind of chili? (Beans or no beans? Spicy or mild? Noodles or is that crazy?)

Sermon Specific Questions:

1. What is something that you have found true joy in this week? What is one specific thing that has stood out to you over the past 3 weeks of the sermon series?
2. In Philippians 1:16 we read where Paul states the reason why he was put in prison, much in the same way he reveals self-understanding in Galatians 1:15-16. With verses like these, as well as a parallel statement in Jeremiah 1:5, we are quickly reminded that we are divinely purposed for great things. How does this resonate with you in terms of where God has currently positioned you regarding your relationships and/or circumstances?
3. Reading Philippians 1:15-18 we see that Paul calls attention to a group of people who have been preaching with varied motives. Yet, even in light those who had ulterior motives to cause him greater hardship, Paul didn't speak ill against them but remained joyful because the Gospel was still proclaimed. Living in a culture that encourages speaking negatively about others, how can we be intentional in taking Paul's approach through difficult situations even when the words from others are intended to cause us harm?
4. Reading Philippians 1:4-5 we see that Paul had joy because of the people God had placed in his life. Because of this we see that in verses 15 & 16 he directs his thoughts on those that are preaching Christ out of love and goodwill, recalling the goodness of people. Who are some people in your life that you can quickly think of that bring your heart joy?
5. We read in verse 18 that Paul overlooks the reasons and rejoices in the results because the Gospel was being preached. When placed in a hard season, what would the results need to be in order for you to still rejoice?