



Seeing Circumstances with a Gospel Mission Perspective Philippians 1:12-18

Big Idea: Whatever happens to me, God is advancing His mission in me and through me.

Outline:

1. When What's Happening is Bad

1) Unjust Imprisonment

2) Personal Attacks out of Envy and Rivalry

2. How Gospel Mission Perspective Makes it Good

1) Personal Circumstances are Part of Gospel Mission

2) Our Greatest Good is in the Gospel

3) God is Sovereign Over All Circumstances and Gospel Advance

Discussion Questions:

1. What's been happening in your life lately? If you were writing a personal update in a letter to friends in another city, what would you share?
2. Are there any details from your update in question one that your life group can...
 - a. Pray for with you?
 - b. Thank God for with you?
 - c. Offer wisdom, encouragement, or comfort to you?
 - d. Help you look at with "gospel mission perspective"?
3. Paul's own missionary update might make us think of the updates we receive from our missionaries serving on other fields. What are some current updates from our missionaries? How can we pray for them and what can we learn from them?
4. Do you have any stories or testimonies on how God turned bad circumstances in your life into an opportunity for gospel advance?
5. How does God's sovereignty affect Paul's perspective on his circumstances?
6. How can you prioritize gospel advance in your current season of life? In your day-to-day circumstances?