



Certainty in a Life and Death Situation

Philippians 1:18-27

Big Idea: In a world of future possibilities, I know with certainty every outcome includes more of Jesus Christ.

Outline:

1. Two Future Possibilities: Deliverance or Death

1) Deliverance

2) Death

2. Four Future Certainties: More of Jesus Christ

1) Salvation

2) God's Sovereignty

3) Exalting Jesus

4) Joy

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever been overwhelmed when facing future possibilities? What were the circumstances?
2. In what ways was your situation similar or different to what Paul was facing? What can you learn from this passage about facing uncertain future possibilities?
3. In what ways does the Bible use the word “salvation” (or “deliverance”)? In what ways *has* God saved you? In what ways *will* God save you?
4. Paul says “to live is Christ.” How would you further explain this in your own words?
5. How are we sometimes tempted to fill in the blank “to live is _____” with something other than Christ?
6. Paul says, “to die is gain.” What other Scripture verses could you use to help explain why this is true for every Christian?
7. How does this passage lead you to pray? How should we pray when faced with uncertain future possibilities?