



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

April 28, 2024 | Philippians 1:15-18

- 1) In Philippians 1:16 Paul says, "I am put [in prison] for the defense of the gospel". Who do you think Paul had in mind as the cause for his being put in prison?

Read Genesis 50:15-21 and Esther 4:6-14... What do these passages teach us about the ways that God can be at work in a person's life? (For additional study read Genesis 37, Genesis 41, and Esther 1-3)

- 2) Read Galatians 1:6-9... Paul speaks very harshly against people who try to distort the Gospel. Why do you think Paul is able to rejoice in Philippians 1:18 as he describes people sharing the Gospel with bad motivations? What is the difference between those being addressed in Galatians 1:6-9 and those Paul mentions in Philippians 1:17?

- 3) We often say at Grace that "God's Kingdom has no turf wars" and we value teaming up with other Gospel preaching churches. Sometimes rivalry can creep into relationships with other believers, especially when there is disagreement over non-essential issues. Are there any non-essential issues you've allowed to cause bitterness and rivalry with another believer or church?

How can Paul's example in Philippians 4:18 be an example for us to follow?

- 4) What is the difference between ambition and selfish ambition?

What types of questions could you ask to determine whether your motives are aimed at making much of yourself or much of God?