

PHILIPPIANS STUDY GUIDE

Assignment...read Philippians Chapter 1: 13-30. As Paul enters into the body of his letter, what appears to be his concern? What is his tone? Why might he be concerned?

Torn In two directions...as a man confined, Paul lived with the reality of dying in prison. Here, in Chapter, he gets personal describing the paradox of his situation and how he felt torn in opposite direction. Think of those times when you have felt that way: when what might be best for you may not be what best for others? What did you do?

His Statement of Faith...businesses, churches, other organizations write out “mission statements” to state their purpose and their reason for doing what they do. Paul now offers his

“For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain”

How do those words strike you?

Suffering For Christ...we all deal with suffering and it comes in many different forms. Paul here mentions a specific type of suffering that we may or may not have endured: suffering for Christ. What would that look like? How has it happened to you or to someone you know?

Life Lessons Learned...

As you listened to Dr. Shelton’s presentation, what insights or life lessons did you learn?