

DEAR PARENTS

We want to partner with you to lead your student through their faith journey. We know it can be challenging, and you might not know where to start. Don't worry! Here are some questions about tonight's message that you can ask your student after groups to kick-start the conversation.

With Joy

Series Blurb: Dive into our six-week series “With Joy” as we look at the book of Philippians. Paul is in prison, facing a potential death sentence for preaching the Gospel. While in prison Paul writes a letter to the church at Philippi sharing his instruction, his heart, and his joy with them. In this series we will look at Paul’s reminder to us that because of Jesus our joy can be full in any and every situation.

Ask:

1. What was "the deliverance dilemma" that Paul writes about at the end of Philippians chapter 1? *Answer – Paul viewed both life and death as forms of deliverance. He wasn't sure which he wanted more. Life meant fruitful labor for him but death meant that he was able to gain more of Christ.*
2. How do you think Paul's perspective on death impact the way that he lived his life? *Answer - Paul's perspective on death impacted how he lived his life because it gave him this almost immortal type of confidence. If death is gain then it meant he could preach Christ to anyone, and if he lived it was fruitful labor, if he died then he would gain more of Christ.*
3. How does Jim Elliot's quote “He is no fool to give up what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose” challenge you? Are there areas of your life where you are pursuing temporal gain over eternal gain?