

Growing Older & Wiser Bible Study VII: A Reason to Be Here – Philippians 1:18-26

Opening Questions:

- 1) What are the dangers of gaining one's sense of purpose from a job?

- 2) What is your reason for being in the land of the living?

Going Deep:

1. People of our era tend to concern themselves with people's intentions. Yet, Paul is more concerned about the impact of those who preach about Jesus Christ. Do you agree that the impact of those who preach about Jesus is more important than their motivations for preaching? Why do you feel this way?

2. Paul says that he wins whether he lives or dies. How is death both a winning proposition and a preferred option for Paul?

3. What reasons does Paul give for staying in the land of the living?

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4. How can a person who is serving others as God has directed them remain hopeful and encouraged when others try to block or stop the ministry they're in?

5. Do you think Paul gained his sense of purpose from his job or from his relationship with Jesus Christ?

6. What kinds of things should Christians be ashamed of? Why do you feel this way?

7. What kinds of things should Christians celebrate? Why do you feel this way?
