



The Fearless Pursuit of Christ (The Book of Philippians)

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TO LIVE IS CHRIST

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Small Group Discussion Questions as based on this week's sermon

Dear CLIC Family,

As we continue our study of the book to the church at Philippi, let's open our hearts to what God wants to teach us. Together, we will learn what it means to live for Christ in all aspects of our daily walk and life.

If you would like to review the message, both the audio and the powerpoint slides are available via the CLIC website (<https://www.clichurch.com/podcasts/english-sermons/2024-08-31-to-live-is-christ>).

Discussion Questions

1. Paul declares, 'to live is Christ, to die is gain,' illustrating how the gospel transformed his entire perspective on life and death. How does understanding the gospel's impact on Paul challenge and change your own view of what it means to truly live and what it means to face death? (**Philippians 1:21, Romans 1:16**)
2. Some people view living a Christian life as simply living a moral life or performing religious duties. However, is this the Christ-centred life Paul had in mind? Based on **Philippians 1:22-26**, how would you describe what a Christ-centred life truly is, according to Paul's example? (**Philippians 1:22-26, Galatians 2:20**)
3. When Paul faced the dilemma of choosing between being with Christ or continuing to live for the benefit of the church (**Philippians 1:22-24**), how did he make his decision? What principle of making a Christ-centred



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decision did Paul use, and how can we apply this principle in our own decision-making? ([Philippians 1:22-26](#))

4. What do you think is stopping our church from becoming a Christ-centred, mature body of believers? The speaker mentioned consumerism and a comfort-driven culture. How does Jesus' Parable of the Sower in Luke 8, specifically the seeds choked by worry, wealth, and pleasure, illustrate the dangers that can prevent believers from maturing in their faith? How can we overcome these obstacles? ([Luke 8:14](#), [Mark 4:18-19](#)).
5. For a Christian, there is no other way to live than to live a Christ-centred life. Paul declared, "to live is Christ," and Jesus said, "remain in me, and I in you. Apart from me, you can do nothing." Jesus also says, "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit" ([John 15:5](#)). Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why or why not? How does this perspective influence your daily walk with Christ? Consider how this might impact your life as a student, parent, child, employer, employee, or a retiree. ([Philippians 1:21](#), [John 15:4-5](#)).
6. What was Paul's instruction to the church in Philippi on how they should live out a Christ-centred life? Read [Philippians 1:27-29](#) and discuss how Paul's guidance can be applied in our own lives today.