

Passionate Purpose

Philippians 1:12-18

Big Idea: Paul's passionate purpose was sharing the gospel, no matter the cost. He didn't let imprisonment stop him—it advanced the message! Like Paul, our goal should be to know Christ and make Him known. What's your purpose? Will you boldly share the good news of Jesus today?

Key Takeaways:

1. Paul's passionate purpose was sharing the gospel, regardless of his circumstances.
2. Our goal should be to know Christ and make Him known.
3. Sharing the gospel should be motivated by love, not selfish ambition.

Scriptures:

- ☐ Philippians 2:3
 - ☐ Psalm 56:1-4
 - ☐ John 3:16
 - ☐ Philippians 3:10
 - ☐ Philippians 1:21
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Opening Question:

What is something that you are passionate about, and how do you integrate your faith into that passion?

Discussion Questions:

What is your passionate purpose in life? How does it align with knowing Christ and making Him known?

Paul saw his imprisonment as an opportunity to advance the gospel. How can we view our challenging circumstances as opportunities to share Christ?

The sermon mentioned that one in seven Christians worldwide are persecuted. How does this fact impact your perspective on sharing your faith?

Pastor Tim talked about the need to "get someone lost before getting them saved." What does this mean, and why is it important when sharing the gospel?

How can we ensure our motives for sharing the gospel are pure and not driven by selfish ambition or rivalry?

The sermon emphasized the importance of loving people as a motivation for sharing the gospel. How can we cultivate this love for others, especially those different from us?

What fears or hesitations do you have about sharing your faith? How can Paul's boldness inspire us to overcome these fears?

Practical Applications:

1. This week, identify one person in your life who needs to hear the gospel. Commit to praying for an opportunity to share with them.
2. Practice sharing your testimony in 2-3 minutes. Be prepared to share it with the group next time.
3. Memorize John 3:16 together as a group and discuss how this verse encapsulates the gospel message.
4. Consider participating in a local outreach or evangelism opportunity as a group.
5. Reflect on your own "passionate purpose." Write down ways you can integrate sharing the gospel into your daily life and routines.

Closing Thought/Prayer:

Thank God for the example of Paul and his passion for sharing the gospel. Ask for boldness and love in sharing our faith, and for opportunities to make Christ known in our daily lives.
