




The Life

Philippians 1:21-26

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read the sermon scripture(s) listed above. What stands out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 Apart from Jesus, how do you typically complete the following sentence?

For to me to live is _____.

- 2 What was your one, big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

THE LIFE: A SINGULAR PASSION

- 3 What are the alternatives to having a "Christ-centered" life? What was the point of the Tom Brady video clip?

- 4 Ray said, “There is a difference between believing in Jesus versus being his disciple.” What is the difference?

THE LIFE: A GLORIOUS FUTURE

- 5 Why did Paul say, “To depart and be with Christ is *far* better”?
- 6 How does our culture view death? How do (or should) Christians experience death differently from non-Christians?
- 7 What kinds of things would you be more daring about if you really believed “to die is gain”?

THE LIFE: A PURPOSE BEYOND SELF

- 8 What axioms guide your decision-making? Think of a decision you made recently because you were primarily concerned about what was best for you, or your family. How might you have made that decision differently if instead your primary concern had been God’s glory and His kingdom?
- 9 How does the gospel set us free to say, “It’s not my party; It’s not about me”?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- † How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?