



REAL LIFE RIGHT NOW

PHILIPPIANS 1:21-26

GETTING STARTED

- Share a story about a time when Jesus enabled you to experience life in a way you would have never expected.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Before you begin: *Spend a minute or two in silence before God. Ask the Holy Spirit to enter into your time together and illuminate your hearts and minds to scripture.*

- Have someone read the passage aloud and note any observations, questions, and exciting insights you found while reading through the text to share with the group. What jumped out at you? What was something you noticed now that you didn't see before?
- Explain the statement meaning "to live is Christ and to die is gain?" How would you explain this to someone who is not a follower of Jesus?
- What good is it that Paul remains in the flesh for the Philippians? Why is it necessary for their account?
- Describe what a life worthy of the Gospel would look like in our current context? How does this change how we live?
- What does Paul mean in verse 29 when we are to "suffer for his (Jesus's) sake?" How does this serve as a clear sign of unbelievers' destruction and our salvation?

WRAPPING UP

- How has Jesus been re-shaping your life recently? Where is he calling you to die to self? Where are you being called to make your life worthy of the gospel?
- Find a way to incorporate this into your prayers this evening as you lift each other up in prayer.