

What Are You Living For?

Philippians 1:18b-26

Sermon Discussion Questions

May 30, 2021

1. Pastor Tom opened his message with an example from William Gladstone, who asks a young man to think about his death before starting his career. Are you currently living with a recognition of the reality that you will die one day? How are your daily thoughts and actions pointing others to Jesus and the ultimate destination of your life?
2. As a group, **read Philippians 1:20**. As Jesus' life on earth required His body to fulfill His purposes, we're gifted by God with a body to do the same. What are some ways in which Calvary Church could assist you in "exalting Jesus" through "acts of the body"? Are there areas in which you could serve, travel to, attend or be a part of, that could position your body in a way that exalts Jesus?
3. Paul says in Philippians 1:21 that to live is Christ and to die is gain. Pastor Tom asked us to fill in the blank after the statement "to live is _____." When you heard this in the message or as you reflect on your life, what or whom have you lived for?

In light of what filled the blank, what will death bring from what/whom you lived for?

How is the Spirit calling to change your living in light of the gain that comes through living in Christ?

4. As a group, **read Philippians 1:22 & Matthew 5:14-16**. Fruitful labor and shining our lights for Christ are actions/deeds that point others to Him in worship. Share with the group how your service to Christ (whether through sharing the Gospel, serving somewhere, being hospitable, etc.) has allowed your light to shine and bring forth godly fruit. What makes the fruit in these situations Godly compared to charitable organization or other groups?
5. For a small group activity, spend time making a vision, mission, and strategy statement for your group based upon Paul's example in Philippians 1:18-25. Pray for one another that your lives would mirror the vision, mission and strategy that was written down. Also, pray for courage to hold one another accountable to living a life in honor to God.