

un- -chained

Philippians 1:12-18 ~ July 24, 2011 ~

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IS THE GOSPEL LIFE-CHANGING—OR LIFE-CHAINING—TO YOU?

Philippians 1:12

II Timothy 2:8

Philippians 3:7-11

Philippians 1:21

THE CHAINS OF PAUL UN-CHAINS THE GOSPEL IN OTHERS

Philippians 1:13, 14

II Corinthians 4:8-11

II Timothy 2:8, 9

II Corinthians 11:21-29

Romans 1:16

THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL TO CHANGE PAUL WILL NEVER BE CHAINED

Philippians 1:15-18

Matthew 24:35

Psalms 119:89

Isaiah 40:8

II Timothy 2:8, 9

Psalms 33:11

Isaiah 55:11

Bible Study Questions/Discussion

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1. How has the Gospel changed you...or how do you feel the Gospel has chained you? Why?
2. What about your Savior are you most passionate about? Why?
3. How does Paul's self-description in I Timothy 1:15, 16 as the "worst of sinners" affect your perspective of the power of God's forgiveness?
4. How would you explain the Gospel story to someone? How would you explain the Gospel story as it has changed your life to someone?
5. Do you think Paul's chains made him more or less passionate for his Savior? Why? Have your trials—or your comforts—made you more passionate for your Savior? Why?
6. We often turn to Christ to be saved—but what if it led to suffering? How would suffering affect your passion and faith in Him? How did Paul's chains affect his passion, faith, and perspective?
7. How has your life modeled the reality that the Gospel and Jesus are worth pursuing...no matter what you face? Or has it?
8. How have you seen the power of the Gospel to change lives...and to keep on changing lives?
9. What fears do you have in sharing the Gospel?
10. What friends or family are you sharing the Gospel with? Praying for?
11. If the darkest evil cannot stop the power of the Gospel, why are we so concerned about our greatest faults and failures arresting the Gospel?
12. Which 2-liter best represents your life? The 2-liter with no glow-stick, the non-glowing glow-stick, the glowing glow-stick, or the hiding glow-stick? Why?
13. Looking at your life, what or who are you advancing? Why?
14. What would it look like to open the jail door of your heart and let the Gospel out?