

Sermon Notes

1. God's purpose for your life is to _____ Christ in your body. 12-21

2. God's purpose for your life is to _____ for Christ through your body. 22-26

Journey Group Questions

1. Paul, the Apostle, experienced enormous adversity after becoming a follower of Christ. And, this adversity provided him occasions and platforms for advancing the gospel courageously. Read and reflect upon 2 Corinthians 11:24-28 and Philippians 1:12-21 and answer the following questions.
 - a. What types of adversity did Paul experience?

 - b. How did these adverse situations provide opportunities for Paul to declare and demonstrate the gospel courageously in ways which might not have been possible otherwise?

 - c. Identify one or two adverse situations you have experienced so far in life which could have provided an occasion and platform to declare and demonstrate the gospel courageously.

 - d. If you previously missed any of these opportunities to advance the gospel courageously, how could you respond differently in the future when a similar challenging moment occurs?

 - e. What role does courage play in living a life which is willing to turn the tables of adversity in favor of the gospel? And, how does courage both produce and flow from a Phil 1:20 attitude?

 - f. Are you willing to make a personal commitment to turn the tables on adversity moving forward and use your tough moments of life to advance the gospel courageously in some way? If not, why? If so, list one challenging situation you may predictably encounter in the next year or so and how you could use that challenging situation to advance the gospel courageously.

2. Paul was ready and willing to depart this world in death for the sake of Christ. But, he was also ready and willing to remain in this world in life for the sake of Christ and His people. Read and reflect upon 2 Timothy 4:6-8 and Philippians 1:21-26 and answer the following questions.
- a. How does Paul characterize the role of his life and his possible death in Philippians 1:21? Is it better for Paul to live or to die at this stage of his journey? Why is one outcome better than the other at this stage of his journey?

 - b. Is it your intention to live in such a way that you make a difference in the lives of others? If not, why? If so, what adjustments could you make today which would produce a difference in the lives of others?

 - c. According to 2 Timothy 4:7, how does Paul characterize his life near his time of death?

 - d. Do you aspire to be able to say something similar in the final days of your life? If not, why? If so, what adjustments are you willing to make, so you will be able to say something similar when that day comes?