Home Group Questions Based on Sermon

‘The First International Worker for Christ’
Philippians 1:12-26
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1) Amidst the dire conditions of a Roman prison, the apostle Paul does not complain but actually rejoices. How do you explain that? See Philippians 1:12-14.

2) By observing the imprisoned Paul, brothers and sisters in Christ become more confident (Philippians 1:14). Why? What is the basis of their confidence? Do you share the same confidence? Explain.

3) Paul sums up his life in two powerful affirmations. First, ‘My eager expectation and hope is that I will not at all be ashamed but that with full courage now as always Christ will be magnified in my body (verse 20). And second, ‘For to me, to live is Christ’ (verse 21). In your own words, what is Paul affirming? Can you make the same affirmation? Please elaborate.

4) So long as Paul remains ‘in the body,’ he expects to engage in ‘fruitful labour’ (verse 22). What is ‘fruitful labour?’ See verses 25-26. Please describe the ‘fruitful labour’ in which you are engaging?

5) What are some ways in which you can be involved in the international work of Christ?