



January 22 - 23 Sermon | Philippians 1:12-18

UNDERSTAND THEIR STORY

As we seek to understand the story of the people of God in this text, we'll look at the problems being addressed and the solution that is offered.

1. Read Php. 1:12-18
 - a. What was Paul's perspective on his own imprisonment?
 - b. What was Paul's attitude in regards to suffering in general?
2. Read Acts 16:16-32 and Acts 24:1-21
 - a. Why was Paul thrown in prison on each occasion?
 - b. What charges did his opponents bring against him?
 - c. What unique opportunities did Paul have as a result of each imprisonment?

CONNECT TO HIS STORY

Read 1 Cor. 15:3-7 to get a better grasp of the gospel message.

1. We learn much about the gospel of Jesus Christ in this short passage:
 - a. What is the source of the gospel (i.e., where do we learn this story)?
 - b. What are the non-negotiables of the gospel according to this passage?

APPLY TO OUR STORY

The gospel is the foundation of the Christian faith, and Paul rejoices that the story of Jesus is being told regardless of his difficult circumstances.

1. The gospel is the story of Jesus Christ.
 - a. How would you summarize the story of Jesus?
 - b. What are some challenges to the gospel you have heard people make? How did (or would) you answer these challenges?

Prayer

Close in prayer for the confessions of the people in your smaller groups:

Adoration: What can you praise God for, as a result of studying this text?

Confession: What might you need to confess to God as a result of studying this text?

Supplication: What can you ask God for, as a result of studying this text?