**SCC SMALL GROUPS**

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**FAITH NO MATTER WHAT**

**Philippians 1:12-30**

**Getting Started**

1. When you have a bad day what do you do?

2. Are you the kind of person who sees the glass half-empty or half-full?

**Searching the Scriptures:**

A. What is the difference between Paul's view of life and the view of the Stoics (grin and bear it) and the Epicureans (eat, drink and be merry)?

B. How does Paul decide if an event (like his jailing) is good or bad?

\* How would this example encourage others?

C. What motives for preaching does Paul speak of in verses 15-17?

D. What is Paul's overriding attitude toward his uncertain future (v. 21)?

\* What does he mean?

\* What reasoning helps him decide?

E. What conduct is worthy of the Gospel (v. 27)?

\* Why do think this is so important to Paul?

\* How seriously do you take this?

F. What difference has your personal faith in Jesus Christ made in your attitude on dying and death?

\* In your attitude toward suffering?

**Application of the Scriptures:**

1. "For me, to live is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_." Given your priorities and schedule this week, how would you honestly fill in the blank?

\* What would change if you wrote "Christ"?

2. Since churches often divide along denominational, cultural, theological and social lines what would it mean to apply verse 27 in your community in concrete ways?

\* What would have to change in you to make such unity possible/