

Questions for Consideration—*With the Master In Fullness of Joy*

Lesson 4— The Blessings of Paul's Imprisonment (Feeling Chained? Hardly!) —Philippians 1:12-18

1. (a) Read Philippians 1 making note of the times Paul refers to the gospel. This would include words like preach, the Word, etc. (b) What things do you notice are associated with the gospel?
2. Memorize Philippians 1:18
3. Read Matthew 10:16-42. (a) What guidelines does Jesus give here for sharing the gospel? (b) Which sufferings does Jesus mention here that Paul endured for the gospel? (You might need to do some further study for this question) (c) What might it cost you to share the gospel?
4. (a) What other Biblical character could say along with the apostle *Paul that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel?* (b) What lessons can you glean for your own life?
5. How does Numbers 11:26-30 and Luke 9:49, 50 coincide with what Paul says in Philippians 1:12-18?
6. Recall a time when you saw God further your ministry while going through a trial. What did you learn?
7. When others share the gospel boldly, how does this affect your own witness?
8. Ask the Lord for an opportunity to share your faith this week, even if you feel like you are in chains. Come prepared to share if He gives you one!
9. What trial are you going through this week? How can you receive encouragement from the verses in Philippians 1:12-18? What would you like to see the Lord do as you go through your trial? Please put this in the form of a prayer request.