

Joy In The Journey: Advancing the Gospel



Welcome to the NewDay Worship Gathering!
We're pleased to worship the Lord together with you!

All Creatures of Our God and King

Where the Spirit of the Lord Is

Call to Worship:

Psalm 63:1-5

¹ You, God, are my God,
earnestly I seek you;

I thirst for you,
my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no water.

² I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.

³ Because your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you.

⁴ I will praise you as long as I live,
and in your name I will lift up my hands.

⁵ I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

I Thank God

The Power of Prayer and God's Provision

Philippians 1:19-20

¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. ²⁰ I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

10,000 Reasons

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Philippians 1:12-26

¹² Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴ And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

¹⁵ It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. ¹⁶ The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. ¹⁸ But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.[d] ²⁰ I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will



continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, 26 so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

Yes I Will

Respond & Apply: Individual & Small Group Discussion Guide

1. Is there any suffering or hardship you're going through right now that doesn't make sense to you? When you feel God is absent?

2. Do you have any stories or experiences of something bad that's happened or is happening to you that has "helped to spread the Good News"? (see Philippians 1:12-14).

3. What is most challenging for you in sharing the Good News of Jesus with others? Lack of tools or training? Lack of opportunity? Fear of what others might think? Being spiritually dry and not experiencing God's goodness for yourself?

4. What would help you make sharing God's love and Good News a higher priority in your life?

5. What would it mean for you to preach or share Christ from pure motives? (see 1:15-17)

6. How does Paul reframe and even find joy in the dubious motives of his opponents in sharing the Gospel? (see 1:17-19).

7. Read 1:20-24. What is Paul's clear passion and aim in life? Is this yours? Why or why not?

8. Read 1:25-26. What is another primary aim for Paul? Again, is this yours? Explain why this might be a pathway to joy for you and those you serve.

While other worldviews lead us to sit in the midst of life's joys, foreseeing the coming sorrows, Christianity empowers its people to sit in the midst of this world's sorrows, tasting the coming joy. – Tim Keller

NewDay Envisioning Our Ministry Values

1. We are a community that has a passion to **serve others**.
2. We are a community that longs for **deeper life relationships with God and others**.
3. We are passionate about **investing in children, youth, and families**.
4. We are a people who have a desire to be **led by and experience the power of the Holy Spirit in everyday life**.

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