

# HOW GOD ADVANCES HIS GOSPEL

Philippians 1:12-18

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Cell Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at [www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons](http://www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons).

## CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- Kids are notorious for acting out when things don't go their way. As an adult, what are some default ways you respond when things don't go the way you want?
- If you're comfortable doing so, give your group a recent example of how you responded, and what happened after that.

## APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard?
- **Read** Philippians 1:12-18. Paul shows us four ways in which God advances His Gospel.

### Intro:

- The Apostle Paul experienced incredibly harsh persecution. But in Philippians 1:12, he writes, "I want you to know that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel..."
- Put yourself in Paul's shoes. How might you have filled in the underlined portion of that verse?

### 1. God advances His Gospel by allowing resistance to it (vs. 12)

1. Where do we see resistance to the Gospel in our culture right now? What kind of resistance have you personally experienced? (Not resistance to your personal opinion, your political views, or your comfort, but the truth of the Gospel.)
2. If "Gospel advancement activates resistance, but resistance activates the Gospel," then how should we pray in the midst of resistance?

### 2. God advances His Gospel by the unforeseen changes in our lives (vs. 12-13)

1. What are some major unforeseen changes you've experienced? How did you react?
2. Would your life show that the Bible is forming your theology (what you think about God), or your experiences are forming your theology? Think about how you respond to trials, how you spend your money, how you interact with your family, the way you work, play, relax, etc.

### 3. God advances His Gospel by reviving and inspiring His church (vs. 14)

1. Dream a little with your group - what would it look like for Saylorville Church to experience a true revival? What about your Cell Group?
2. What can you do this month to revive and inspire those around you?

### 4. God advances His Gospel by purifying the motives of His servants (vs. 15-18)

1. God even uses people with wrong motives to spread His Gospel. How does that impact your view of God, the Gospel, and your part in advancing the kingdom?
2. How can you be sure that your own motives are pure as you do your part to make more people more like Jesus?

## PRAY WITH EACH OTHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that your group would go "all-in" on advancing the Gospel intentionally this upcoming week.

## MEMORIZE FOR NEXT TIME

- *Philippians 1:12 - "I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel..."*

