

# **Philippians: To live is Christ.**

## **Session 3: Turning negatives into positives (Phil.1:12-14)**

Scriptures: Phil. 1:12-14; Isaiah 55:8; Rom, 8:18,28-39.

1. In Paul's case, how had God turned a negative into at least three positives (see Phil. 1:12-14)? What negatives has God turned into positives in your life?
2. Are you a person who, when something negative happens, says "God, why did you let that happen to me?" or do you look for God 'at work'?
3. Someone once said that life is 10% of what happens and 90% of the way we react to it. Do you agree?
4. Read v14. Are you surprised by the reaction of Paul's fellow Christians to his imprisonment? Have you ever been emboldened by stories of persecution?
5. Paul didn't wait to be released from his chains in order to be useful to God. What is the challenge for us? How does this apply to your life? Which "chained" Christian (contemporary or from history) has inspired you most? (Steve gave a few examples in his talk. Was it one of those, or someone else?)