



**PAULSGROVE**  
BAPTIST CHURCH



**Philippians 1:12-18**  
**“Joy in advancing the Gospel”**

**Joy looks for Gospel opportunities in all circumstances (v.12-13)**

**Joy looks for Gospel partnership in all circumstances (v.14)**

**Joy looks for Gospel hope in all circumstances (v.15-18)**

## Questions to think & pray through

### **Read Philippians 1:12-13**

Can you think of a situation that different people might have a very different perspective about?  
What determines how we interpret a situation?

What was Paul's perspective about being in prison in Rome? What did he do, and what did He see God achieve?

What are some of our instinctive reactions when we find ourselves in challenging or pressure situations (perhaps you're in one now, or feel 'chained' to something difficult)?

How might you allow God to use you where you are, so that Jesus might be lifted up?!

### **Read Philippians 1:14**

What was another surprising outcome of Paul making Jesus known in prison?

Has anyone inspired your faith because of the way they boldly lived out theirs?

If Gospel partnership includes helping each other to more confidently speak up for Jesus, in what ways might we do this as a church? And in what ways might you do this, as you play your part?

### **Read Philippians 1:15-18**

How must it have felt for Paul to hear that some of the Christians in Rome were stirring up trouble for him while he was in prison? So why didn't he use the opportunity in his letter to criticise them & defend himself?

Do you find it hard to rejoice when you hear of Christians/Churches that you don't see eye to eye with, speaking about Jesus? How might Paul's example change our reactions?

In this part of the letter (verses 12-18), what was Paul hoping to encourage the Philippian church with?