

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM MARCH 5, 2017



### **BIG IDEA:**

A lot of times at Wake, we'll look at a topic or situation in our lives and see what the scripture has to say about it. This month, we are looking at God's Word and how we should live our lives because of the truth in it.

This week we look at Philippians 1 and Paul's phrase "to live is Christ, to die is gain." Throughout this letter Paul challenges the reader to find joy in Christ instead of happiness in this world. What are you living for?

### **ICE BREAKER:**

What do you want more than anything in the whole world? (could be an object, something in the future, a place, a feeling...).

### **DISCUSSION:**

1. What are some important background things to know about the book of Philippians before we study it for the month? Where did you find this info? Why is this important

*Author, to who, when, why, major themes, etc.*

2. Read Philippians 1 together.

3. Read Philippians 1:9-11. These are three great verses to help evaluate if your priorities are in order. What is the most important thing in your life? Do your current priorities line up with scripture?

4. Philippians 1:21, What does Paul mean when he says, "For me to live is Christ...?"

5. For Paul, Christ is obviously the most important thing in his life. Is it counter-cultural to put Christ first in your life where you go to school? Why or why not?

6. What are some things people at your school expect to bring them happiness/satisfaction?

7. Read vs.25-28. How does "your manner of life" inform others about the "gospel of Christ"? If it doesn't, what current habits, sin patterns, and priorities are keeping your life looking like Jesus?

8. Read Philippians 1:29. How do you find yourself responding to hardships, suffering, persecution? Do you find yourself responding like Paul or how the enemy would want you to conduct yourself, in a way that confuses the gospel?

9. How do you as junior high students live like Christ in a manner worthy of the gospel?

*It is a mindset – to live Christ is to look like Jesus, to act like Jesus, to talk like Jesus, to reflect Jesus*

### **APPLICATION**

10. Philippians 1:21 says "to live is Christ, to die is gain." How would you fill in the blanks: To live is \_\_\_\_\_, to die is \_\_\_\_\_?

11. What would it take for others at your school to recognize that you truly put Christ first in your life?

12. How does this chapter move you to action? After reading this chapter, what would God have you start doing, stop doing, and keep doing?