

# **“Unstoppable Joy”**

(Bryan Chapell 9-18-2016)

\*\*There are plenty of questions to choose from. We never expect you to make it through them all. Please just pick a few as a group and enjoy going deeper into answering them rather than rushing your answers to get through all the questions.

Connect:

- 1) What was the best part about this last week that you want to praise God for?

Discuss:

- 1) Read Phil 1:12-18. What part of the sermon/passage did God use to stir your heart or curiosity? Why do you think he wanted you to hone in your focus on that part particularly?
- 2) Summarize how you see God’s power at work through His providence, His gospel, and His People in Phil 1:12-18.
- 3) What is the promise of providence concerning our lives and struggles? (Rom 8:25) What current situation in your life comes to mind when you think about this promise?
- 4) Discuss how providence encourages boldness. Share examples from your reading or relationships of how ones boldness in Christ inspired boldness in others/yourself.
- 5) Who are the gospel advancers mentioned in Phil 1:15-18? What does the fact that both were used say about the power of the Gospel? What does it say to you?
- 6) No one would have faulted Paul for just enduring his imprisonment. But Paul took full advantage of the hardships. How did he do this and what do you think motivated him? (1:13; 4:22; 1:14)
- 7) The Philippians partnered with Paul in a kingdom opportunity. (1:5) What kingdom opportunities have you enjoyed partnering with others in the past?

Partner:

\*\*Consider dividing up your group (men with men; women with women) for this section.

1. With this short time see if there is anyone who would benefit from sharing what is going on in their life and having a couple of you pray for them.
2. Share any other prayer requests others have and commit to praying for them throughout the week.