# Sunday 14th September – Connect Group Notes

## Read Philippians 1:12:26

1. Can you think of a time when something you first saw as negative later turned out to be used by God for good?
2. Why might the Philippians have been troubled by Paul’s imprisonment?
3. Paul sees his chains as an opportunity for the gospel to advance. How has this happened? How might we learn to see our own circumstances—whether good or bad—as opportunities to point to Jesus?
4. When others criticised Paul, he could say, *“But what does it matter?”* (v18). In what kinds of situations today might we need that same perspective?
5. When things really do matter and can’t just be brushed aside, what gives Paul confidence according to verses 19–20? What might help us grow in that same confidence?
6. Paul talks about “fruitful labour” for Christ whatever his situation (v22). What might “fruitful labour” look like for you in the place God has put you right now—whether or not it’s where you’d choose to be?
7. Paul can even face death with hope. Is he saying that death itself is good (compare with Philippians 2:27)? What is he really telling us about the Christian hope?
8. **Looking back over the passage, is there a situation in your life right now where God may want to change your perspective—helping you to see it in light of living for Christ and the advance of the gospel?**