



Welcome back Lockdown Lookouts...

Thank you for your help last week. It was so good to know while I am locked down in here - that the good news of Jesus is not! It has even reach you! I hope that encouraged you to keep trusting Jesus this last week.

But that doesn't mean everything has been easy for Paul in prison. Can you help me understand the next part of his letter to the Philippians?

Yours

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Opening Prayer

'Dear Heavenly Father, help us to know you better as we read from the Bible now, and to love Jesus more. Amen.'

Challenge

- 1) Imagine you are lost at sea on an inflatable raft. As your ship is sinking you managed to save 10 things, and get them in your lifeboat. You have dry matches too! Put them in order as to which you think will be the most important to least important, to help you survive at sea.



Most Important ←—————→ Least Important

Items

A sextant (for measuring angles at sea to help you navigate), a shaving mirror, mosquito netting, 25 litre container of water, A case of army rations, Maps of the Atlantic Ocean, a 10 litre can of oil/petrol mixture, plastic sheeting, a can of shark repellent, 2 boxes of chocolate bars, an ocean fishing kit

(Answers from the US Coastguard - Most important - shaving mirror (for signalling, lighting fires), petrol/oil (you can burn it, or use it to float on), water (for drinking), army rations (for food), sheeting (to collect rain water and for shelter), chocolate (for food), fishing kit (for food, but less than chocolate as not guaranteed to catch anything!), shark repellent (does what it says!), maps (worthless without the right navigation equipment), mosquito netting (no mosquitoes in the Atlantic!), sextant (no use without the right tables and other equipment))

Today, we are going to see what the most important thing for the Apostle Paul is. Remember he is in prison for telling people about Jesus.

Read Philippians 1:15-18

15 It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. 16 The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defence of the gospel. 17 The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains.

18 But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

Chat it through

- **If you were in prison what do you think the most important thing for you would be?**
 - It might be staying safe, getting out, a key!
- **Different groups of people are telling others about Jesus in Philippi. What are the two reasons different people are speaking about Jesus? (15-17)**
 - One group are telling people about Jesus because they want to get Paul in trouble! They want people to listen to them, and not Paul.
 - The others do it out of love for Jesus and Paul. They know Paul is in prison for Jesus and they want to carry on the work Paul has been doing.
- **How do you think you would feel if someone was trying to get you into trouble?**
 - I would feel upset and angry.
- **How does Paul feel? What is the most important thing for him? (v18)**
 - Paul rejoices (that means he is very happy) because people are getting to hear about Jesus. More important to Paul than getting out of prison, or everyone being nice to him is that people are getting to hear about Jesus.
- **Why do you think people hearing about Jesus is the most important thing in the world?**
 - There might be different answers shared - Jesus is the only way to God - so people need to hear about him to be friend with God. Jesus is kind and loving so we want people to hear about him. Jesus is amazing so why wouldn't we want others to know about him. Jesus is God's King so people need to hear about him.

Pray it through

From Ascension Day (21st May) to Pentecost Sunday (31st May), many churches, including St Paul's, have been involved in Thy Kingdom Come. This is a movement to be praying for people to hear about, and come to follow Jesus for themselves, which our Bible passage has showed is the most important thing!

This week we are going to use one of the Thy Kingdom Come ideas for our prayers.

- 1) Get a piece of string or wool, and tie 5 knots along it.
- 2) Pick 5 people you know (they could be friends, family, people at school, people on your street) who don't yet follow Jesus.
- 3) Each of those knots represents that person.
- 4) Have time of prayer, praying for each of the people you named to come to follow Jesus, and for you to be good witness for Jesus in your love of them and the words you speak to them.
- 5) Carry the string around with you, or make it into a bracelet - and when you look at it, or feel the knots - pray for that person.



NOW un pause the video on YouTube to continue...

Craft

1) Spreading Hearts

Watch as the hearts spread out to include those you are praying for.

You will need: cups with about an inch of water at the bottom; strips of kitchen roll; felt-tip pens (cheap and cheerful are good and definitely not permanent markers—you need the ink to run).

Draw a heart about two inches up the strip and colour in with pen.

Slightly above and outside of the heart you have drawn, write the initials of someone (or draw a face of someone!) that you would like to get to know Jesus.

Put the end of the strip in the water and pray that they will come to know that Jesus loves them. Watch as the water slowly climbs up the strip, and the ink in the heart spreads out to cover and absorb the initials/face.

2) From the Bright Ideas, Thy Kingdom Come material - colour this in

Colour and Pray

As you colour, add names to the ends of the rainbow.
Pray that these people will come to know Jesus

