

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from June 30- July 1, 2001

"Good Results from Bad Circumstances"

Observing the text

Read Philippians 1:15-18 and identify another tool that God used in the life of Paul to advance the gospel?

What were the various motivations that Paul identified for preaching the gospel in Philippians 1:15-18?

How do we explain Paul's comments in Philippians 1:15-18 in comparison to the teaching found in 1 Corinthians 4:1-5?

Why was Paul sharing what he shares with the Philippians in Philippians 1:15-18?

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Applying the sermon

If God is in control of the circumstances of your life and if He wants to use those circumstances to advance the gospel, how would He do this through your circumstances?

Some Roman Christians were sharing the gospel for wrong reasons. Can you think of other reasons why people might share the gospel that also could be considered wrong?

If a messenger of the gospel who is sinning does not diminish the power of the gospel to save then what would diminish the power of the gospel to save?

How do you feel about various ministers and ministries that you are familiar with in light of Paul's statement in Philippians 1:18.