

**RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES**  
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION  
**Joy in Death** – Philippians 1:18-30

1. What do you hope to achieve before you die?
2. Read *Philippians 1:18b-20*. What does Paul mean by deliverance? Is this different to how we would normally consider deliverance?
3. Read *Philippians 1:21-24*. From Paul's perspective, what is the advantage in death? (heaven is only the start of the answer!)
4. And in life?
5. Which is better, to live now in 2011 or to be in heaven? (You can use Paul's reasoning, but add some from other parts of scripture as well)
6. Read *Philippians 1:25-30*. What does Paul mean by convinced?
7. How is Paul's survival going to bring the Philippians joy? What does it mean to Glory in Christ Jesus?
8. How will the behaviour of the Philippians be a sign of destruction to their opponents?
9. What does it mean to be granted the opportunity to suffer for the sake of Christ? How is it for his sake? Have we been granted this same opportunity?
10. Should life be a struggle for Christians? Should we be surprised when it is?
11. If you were to pray for someone's deliverance what would/should you be praying for?
12. When is the best time to head up to heaven?