

**Potential Discussion Questions**  
**Message: Engage JOY, Pt 9 (6-4-17)**  
**The Sanctity of Life and Death, pt 1 (Phil. 1:19-26)**

1. People talk often about the sanctity of life. How do you understand the sanctity of death (not just dying), especially as informed from our passage?
2. How does the sanctity of death help believers focus on "what we await"?
3. How would you explain to a new believer the win - win mindset of this passage? What is the win in life? What is the win in death?
4. People often speak of "disappointment with God." How does this passage help us respond? [Remember, the focus has to do with properly or misplaced trust.]
5. The message discussed 3 key elements of a "to live is Christ" life. Review these and discuss the implications. What happens when one or more of these falter? Does one of them tend to cause you more challenge than the others? Why do you think that is?
6. For you, what encourages your experience of fellowship with Christ? What gets in the way? How would you describe the difference between fellowship with and following after Christ?
7. Following after Christ is a journey. It has ups and downs. Do you find following hard after Jesus difficult? easy? What encourages you most on the journey? Look up passages where Jesus asked people to follow Him. What insight do they provide?
8. For Paul, to live is Christ included a focus on serving the spiritual needs of others. How does this speak to you? How does it help shape our attitudes toward our life and those around us, especially if we encounter a season of life that appears "terminal"?
9. What would you like to discuss about this passage that hasn't already been addressed?
10. What in this study gives you the most to think about? What will you do with it this week?