

## **STUDY GUIDE: “Jesus Is All That Matters”**

### **Discussion Starters**

1. Have you ever been mocked or persecuted for sharing your faith?
2. Spend some time researching persecuted Christians or missionaries. List some specific things about their story that inspire you.

To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASB, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek or Hebrew word translated by the NASB—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

3. Define the following words or terms. Note for each of them how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage.

--“progress” (Philippians 1:12)—

--“envy” (Philippians 1:15) —

--“strife” (Philippians 1:15)—

--“selfish ambition” (Philippians 1:17)—

--“pure motives” (Philippians 1:17)—

**Read Philippians 1:12-18**

4. What is the praetorian guard Paul describes in 1:13? What does this tell you about where Paul was imprisoned?

5. Why would Paul's imprisonment make Christians share the gospel without fear?

6. How could someone preach Christ out of selfish ambition? (1:17)

7. What is the difference with Acts 16:16-18 (the girl mocking Jesus) and Phil 1:17 (preaching Christ out of selfish ambition to cause Paul anguish)? Why does Paul react differently in the two situations?

### **Taking It Home**

8. What can you do to support a Christian/Missionary who is currently being persecuted?

9. What can you do to take a chance and share the gospel this week?