

STUDY GUIDE: “Unfinished Business”

Discussion Starters

1. Give an example of a time you were determined to finish something.
2. Have you ever sacrificed something to be help someone else? Explain.

Study

3. To begin this study, read each passage below and get an understanding of the biblical view of death.
 - Romans 14:7-8
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:14-15
 - John 11:25-26
 - Hebrews 9:27
 - Luke 23:43
 - John 11:1-44

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.

4. 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.

--“live” (Philippians 1:21)—

--“gain” (Philippians 1:21) —

--“hard-pressed” (Philippians 1:23)—

--“worthy” (Philippians 1:27)—

--“suffer” (Philippians 1:29)—

Read Philippians 1:18-30

5. What is the specific reason that Paul wants to stay and be among the Philippian church? (Phil 1:25-26) What does that look like in Orange County in 2019?

6. What does Paul mean in verse 1:27 when he says to live “worthy” of the gospel?

Taking It Home

7. Paul’s conviction to stay and do ministry shows that he truly loves people and puts them first. What can you do this week to put people first?

8. What are some biblical truths about death that you can remind yourself of this week?