

**Edgewater Growth Group Discussion**  
**Philippians 1v27-30 / Week 8**

According to Acts 16v12 Philippi is identified as being a leading city in the Roman Empire. In I Thessalonians 2v2 Paul says that we were treated outrageously in Philippi. Knowing these things about their situation how does this change the way in which you read Paul's Letter?

During this time in history the Caesar of Rome was a man named Nero. Do you remember how Nero demanded to be addressed? (Hint....Kyrios & Soter)  
What kind of difficulties would this have created for these Jesus followers in Philippi?

When an empire; system; the flow of how things work in a culture; go against what it means to be a Christ follower how do you go about remaining rooted in Christ?

Why do you suppose Paul would say that suffering with Christ is a gift?  
(graced with suffering)

How does suffering change us?

How has it changed you?

Take some time to share your stories with one another.

What good things can come out of suffering?

Some questions for you to think about this week.....

Is there any Nero who is demanding your allegiance right now?

Is there any master working for your loyalty?

Grace and Peace

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