**Welcome to Philippians: Suffering & Serving Joyfully**

**Session 5, Part 2: It’s A Matter of Life & Death**

**Philippians 1:18-26**

**A Vision of Inspiration to Endure**

***Vision: After life, all I want to see is Christ!***

**Dilemma (1:22-23a)**

* torn: term to convey strong feelings
  + pressure
  + power
  + pull

***Christian dilemma:***

***Life is about fruitful, meaningful, and joyful labor. But we know death is better!***

**Desire (1:23b)**

* Paul’s ultimate:
  + preference
  + reward
  + location

***Death is better by far:***

***New body, New heavens, New earth!***

**Decision (1:24-26)**

* questions for the believer:
  + are you serving others (v.24)?
  + are you serving for the progress and joy of others (v.25)?
  + are you serving so that others may boast in Christ (v.26)?

***Everyone wants to live, and everyone will die. But there’s only one way to have a life worth living and a death worth dying, and that is to look to the One who conquered death!***