

HIGHLIGHTER

Our lives will magnify (or highlight) something. Will they be so full of nice things that they will miss the most excellent things? Or will we be wise so that, no matter the outcome, Christ will be highlighted?

GOD IN REAL LIFE

This week, begin your day reflecting and being intentional with these words:

Whatever happens today with the rest of my day, I belong to Christ. He is what's highlighted. Regardless of the outcomes of this day: Christ will be magnified.

TO THE HEART

"Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain." Philippians 1:20-21

DISCUSSION REFLECTIONS

- 1. Would you rather have: A) The guarantee of a long life (but no guarantee of health or wealth), B) The guarantee of health (but no guarantee of a long life or wealth), or C) The guarantee of wealth (but not of a long life or health), which would you choose? Why? Is there a fourth option? Please share.
- 2. How does the world look at a good life? What are the highlights?
- 3. How does a Christian look at a good life? What is the difference between the lens of a Christian and the lens of the world?
- 4. If your life is a book and each day is a page, is Christ highlighted on every page? How so? When and where do you encounter Him? If He isn't, when is a time in your day that He could be magnified?
- 5. Saint Paul writes in the Second Reading, "For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me." Everything is a gift. What do you think would happen to your day-to-day worldview if every labor was seen as being fruitful?
- 6. Saint Paul's certainty of Christ's "being magnified" came from his making the decision for Him to be magnified. What is it in your life that can keep Him from being magnified in it? Is it something that you would be willing to cut yourself off from it? Why or why not?

