

2020-2021 BSP#1 Group Time Discussion  
(For Discussion in Monthly Zoom Meeting)

(A) 小別重聚，分享近況。Quick greetings and update after Summer Break (5-10 minutes)

小組成員請分享一下自大家最後一次面對面聚會後，和在今年夏天發生的任何特別事情或活動，包括您參加過的，難忘的屬靈活動，您如何從中受益；發生在你個人或家人身上的改變；您遇到的特殊人士等。不要忘記歡迎新成員（如果有的話）加入您的小組。

Group members please feel free to update one another on any special events or activities that happened to you since the last time your BSP group met in person and in this summer: unforgettable spiritual activity/event that you joined and how you benefited from it; changes that happened to you personally or to your family; special people you encountered, etc. Don't forget to welcome new members, if any, to your group.

(B) 為反思和應用的題目。Reflection and application question (15 minutes)

保祿就像耶穌一般，「為福音而被囚」（費 13）。他宣講的福音，被指控為「背叛凱撒諭令行事，說另有一位國王，就是耶穌」（宗 17:7），被曲解為背叛羅馬，否定凱撒王權，自立王國。初期教會的基督徒也遭同樣命運，甚至被殺害。

「你們要記得我對你們所說過的話：沒有僕人大過主人的；如果人們迫害了我，也要迫害你們」（若 15:20）。環顧教會因忠於基督而堅持的教導 – 婚姻應有的忠信（不離婚或重婚）、是一男一女的結合（不是男同男或女同女）、是盟約的結合（不作盟約外的結合）、愛生命（不避孕不墮胎）等 – 你可會有保祿和初期教會當時的感受，因忠於基督而被世界孤立，甚至受迫害或殺害呢？你願意「為福音而被囚」嗎（費 13）？請分享你的感受和對策。

Like Jesus, Paul had to accept “imprisonment for the gospel” (Philemon 13) His gospel teaching was accused of acting “in opposition to the decrees of Caesar and claim instead that there is another king, Jesus” (Acts 17:7). It was misconstrued as a rebellion against Rome, a denial of Caesar’s kingly authority, and an attempt to form a separate kingdom. The Christians of the early Church had to deal with the same fate; some were even killed.

“Remember the word I spoke to you, 'No slave is greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you” (John 15:20). If you bring to mind some of the teachings advanced by the Church in being faithful to Christ – faithfulness in marriage (thus no divorce or 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage), marriage is between male and female (not between 2 men or 2 women), conjugal union is a covenant (thus no extra-marital union), cherish life (thus no contraception, no abortion), etc.- would you share the feeling of Paul and the early Church that they were isolated, or even persecuted or killed, for being faithful to Christ? Are you willing to face “imprisonment for the gospel” (Philemon 13)? Please share how you feel about this and how you plan to deal with it?