

**Some suggested Discussion questions for Home Fellowship Groups
relating to the Message: “The race is not over till it’s over”**

Key Passage: Philippians 1:12 – 24

1. Death comes to us in many forms before it meets us as ‘the final enemy’. It can come in the form of loss of job; breakdown in marriage; departure of a wayward child; business collapse; frustrated dreams; moving away from family or friends.

Discuss what actions and attitudes we need to adopt to be ‘comfortable’ with these death experiences and not embittered.

2. How would your priorities change if you suddenly discovered you have
3 months,
12 months,
3 years, left to live?

Apply the same criteria to receiving news of a spouse leaving, or 7 days notice of redundancy.

3. Paul said, “For me to live is Christ ...”
How would you answer the question, “For me to live is what?”
What dominates your waking hours?

4. In facing the end of anything, life, work, relationships, etc., it is natural to feel that ‘perhaps things might have been different if I’d done this or that’; I could have made things better!’ , or the gnawing feelings of ‘if only I’d taken more care in certain situations or decisions.

How can a person resolve these feelings of regret without succumbing to trite rationalisations that allow no growth or anything positive to be learned? How might Ecclesiastes 5:6 help deal with what we so easily label ‘mistakes’?

5. a. What legacy, besides material possessions, will you leave?
b. What have you begun that will live on after you are gone?
c. How, or for what, do you want to be remembered?