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1. How did God answer Paul’s prayer?
2. What did Paul want in this situation? What did God want?
3. Was Paul wrong to pray for healing?
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5. Kenny said, “Prayer is a great way to evangelize people.” What did he mean by that? Is it true?
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**Read Psalm 51:1-12**

1. Phil’s sister died in a car accident, how did that affect his relationship with God?
2. Does it make sense to turn away from God over a painful disaster like that? How would those feelings affect prayer?
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**Read Isaiah 55:9**

1. His ways are higher than our ways. Why is that important to remember when bad things happen in our lives?
2. Carli said she was “bored” with her faith. How does boredom affect our prayer lives?
3. Does prayer always get boring? Is there a way to liven it up?
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**Read/Discuss Philippians 4:6-7**

1. How does prayer cure anxiety?
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