

## Growth Group Questions – 26/9/2021 – Jack Kapinga

1) Share about a car trip when you didn't know the way or the destination so you followed someone else. Was it a good or bad experience of 'following'?

2) In terms of context, what did Philippians 3:1-11 teach us about where we should put our confidence and trust when it comes to salvation? And what did 3:12-14 teach us about how we should respond to the fact that our salvation is not yet complete (see also 4:1)?

*Read Philippians 3:15-4:1.*

When it comes to pressing on to our eternal destination, Paul speaks in verse 17 about "following my example ... and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do." Then in verses 18-19 he warns about the bad example that should not be followed, and in verses 20-21 provides more detail about why their own example is a good one.

3) What does verse 18 tell us about the urgency of Paul's warning and the seriousness of the issue? What are the 4 descriptions of these people given by Paul in verse 19, and what do each of them mean?

4) Are there people today who go to Church and call themselves Christians but yet "live as enemies of the cross of Christ" and resemble what's described in verse 19? Can you give examples? How can others be tempted to follow their example?

5) What are the 4 reasons Paul provides in verses 20-21 for why his example and the example of those like him is so much better? What sort of picture does he paint in these verses?

6) As we seek to press on toward the goal and stand firm in the Lord, have you been following a negative example or a positive one? Are you concerned about others who are on the wrong track and who may not reach their heavenly destination?

7) How can this passage help us to discover Deeper Joy?