

Philippians: A Lighthouse of Joy in an Ocean of Grief

Always Moving Forward

Philippians 3:12-21

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Questions for Further Exploration...

1. In what ways did Jesus transform and redirect the zeal of Paul towards the flourishing and upbuilding of the Christian community?
2. What is the point of the view that those who are mature in the Church will find invigorating and captivating enough to embrace?
3. Who are the groups existing both within and outside of our faith communities that threaten our focus on and embrace of Jesus?
4. How does Paul encourage the Church to view our citizenship?

Redirecting Zeal (12-14)

Q1:

Reforming Life (15-16)

Q2:

Disordering Life (17-19)

Q3:

Reprioritizing Citizenship (20-21)

Q4:

Supporting Scripture

Phil. 1-3

Col. 3:2
Jude 1

Thoughtful applications for my personal and corporate life...

Next Week: Rejoice! (Phil. 4:1-9)

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<p>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p>Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p><u>Read the Text</u> -Philippians 3:12-21</p> <p><u>Questions for Reflection & Discussion:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In verse 12, Paul says, "Christ Jesus has made me his own." Discuss what it means to identify as one of Jesus's own. How do we belong to Jesus (i.e., brother/sister, friend, servant, all of these)? How should this reality orient and shape the priorities of our lives? 2. Being formed or conformed into the image of Christ (as Paul presented in Phil. 2:5-11) is challenging for believers. What words does Paul use to describe how living with the mind and attitude of Christ will feel here on earth? 3. As we seek to live for God, in Christ, here on earth, why is it helpful for us to look for other mature believers who we can imitate? (vs. 17) How can imitation of other mature believers, be a pattern of discipleship and spiritual formation? 4. In Chapter 3, Paul has identified those who are, "dogs" (vss. 2-6) or, "enemies of the cross" (vss. 18-19). These are two separate groups, but Paul gives characteristics of both. Compare and contrast the two groups. How are these groups/mindsets/attitudes opposed to the portrait of Christ in Philippians 2:5-11? How are these mindsets still at work in the Christian community today? 5. How can we practice and apply our Heavenly citizenship even now? <p><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation & Application:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this text challenge us to grow in a greater love for God? 2. How are we motivated to grow in a greater love for others? 3. How might Jesus be motivating us to apply some of the principles from this passage to our families, careers, communities, or churches? 4. How might Jesus be using us to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. How can we pray for each other between now and next time? 	<p><u>Supporting Scripture</u></p> <p>Phil. 1-3 Col. 3:2 Jude 1</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career/Friends</p> <p>Other</p>