

Philippians Week 11

SHINE AS LIGHTS

Memory Verse:

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

1) CATCH UP ON LIFE

This is when we update each other on the day in and day out happenings of our lives. Because God is our Father, we are family. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)

Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?

What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)? are there any practical needs you have right now?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

2) REVIEW THE MISSION

Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, we have been sent as missionaries in everyday life to display God's glory and lead others to repentance and faith through belief in the gospel. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

What is currently the best mission field for you? How can we partner with you in this area?

3) DISCUSS AND ENGAGE

Since we follow Jesus, we seek to apply the Gospel continually to all of life. God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, to equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, to show us our sin, and to strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a Group throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25).

Read Philippians 2:14-18

It is easy to feel justified when we grumble and complain, and often much of our conversations and interactions center around "grumbling". What areas of life are you most likely to have this kind of attitude?

What would it look like for a local church to "hold fast to the word of life" and "do all things without grumbling and disputing"? How have you seen the opposite of this? How have you seen this play out correctly?

Where do you need to grow in this personally when it comes to your engagement with your church family?

How does considering the future "day of Christ" aid us in changing our attitude now?

Paul believes that his current imprisonment may result in him being "poured out as a drink offering". Why do you think he rejoices in this and wishes for the Philippians to rejoice as well?