

Philippians Week 13

Jesus + Nothing = Everything

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)

Who in your life needs to be invited to our group? Who in your life is hurting and needs to experience the redemptive work of Christ? Who are you working to demonstrate the love of Christ toward?

If you cannot name anyone, what needs to change for you to live on mission? Take a moment and pray for the mission before moving on to the next section.

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 3:1-6

What is the main idea of Paul's encouragement?

Why does Paul list his accomplishments here? Is he elevating himself?

What accomplishments are you tempted to hold up to justify yourself?

How can it be dangerous to put your confidence in these things?

Read Philippians 3:7-11

What does he say about all those and all other human accomplishments?

What is the alternative to putting our confidence in the flesh?

How does knowing Christ as Lord have "surpassing worth?" What do we gain when we place our confidence in Christ?

How does this practically play out in our lives?

Where do you need to repent of self-righteousness and put your confidence in Christ, so that you can live by his resurrection power?

Spend some time praying that God would reveal to us the areas where we try to supplement Jesus's work. Pray that he would grant repentance to more fully rely on Christ, so that we may rejoice in the Lord.