

Philippians Week 1

Introduction to Philippians

Memory Verse:

2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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 one rhythm that you can intentionally have in your life this year that will put you in close contact with unbelievers?

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 Acts 16:6-40

What stands out to you about the beginning of the church in Philippi?

Read Philippians 1:1-5

What do you think Paul means by the Philippians partnership with him in the gospel?

Take a moment to look through the book of Philippians. What do you see that helps you understand how Paul can have such joy during the difficult imprisonment he is facing?

In verse 5 we see that Paul has joy in the Philippians partnership in the advance of the gospel message. What is one intentional goal you can have or change you can make this year to partner in the advance of the gospel message?