

Philippians Week 2

Carried to Completion (1:3-8)

Memory Verse:

Romans 12:2 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)

When was the last time that you articulated the gospel to an unbeliever? Take a moment together to pray that the Lord would open up new opportunities to tell others about Jesus.

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 1:3-8

Take a moment to consider Paul's reasoning in verses 7 and 8.

Read Philippians 1:6

Take a moment to consider what Paul means by "the day of Jesus Christ". Look at: Isaiah 13:6, Ezekiel 30:3, Joel 1:15, 1 Corinthians 1:8, 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10, Luke 17:24, Romans 2:16

Given what you've just read what will be the experience for Christians on the day of Christ?

What do you find most encouraging about verse 6?

If you truly believed verse 6 for yourself, how do you think that would change how you approach following Christ?