

Philippians Week 3

ABOUNDING LOVE (1:9-11)

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) CARE NIGHT

We are called to bear one another's burdens and walk in the light together, and that is what we will focus on this evening. Break up into gender-based groups and use these questions to guide you. Make sure your group members go back and listen to the sermon if they have not by group meeting time. Remember also to encourage one another to give good news before good advice. (Galatians 6:1-5, James 5:16, 1 John 1:5-10)

Philippians 1:9-11 ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Paul says his prayer is that they would grow in love with discernment so that they may "approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ." As Christians, we desire to turn from sin, choose what is good, and walk in the light.

Take some time to confess and pray with one another as you seek to continue to grow in following Jesus together.