



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

PHILIPPIANS: RESURRECTED LIFE

Strength in Christ

Philippians 3:17-20, 4:12-13

1. Take a moment to read our Scripture for the week.

Philippians 3:17-20

Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. 18 For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.

What immediately jumps out to you from this Scripture?

What in this Scripture is especially relevant to you in this season of your life?

2. Paul says, **Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.**

Having a model to follow is important in life and faith. Discuss the people who have impacted you by their words and their example.

Do you want to be a model for others? Do you want others to follow your example? How are you preparing yourself to be a role model for others to follow?

3. Carefully read this section again, **18 For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things.**

What do you think it means to live as an enemy of the cross of Christ?

Paul lists four characteristics of the enemies of the cross of Christ. Share a time when you witnessed or exhibited one or more of these characteristics.

4. Let's focus on this interesting dichotomy. **Their mind is set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.**

What do you see as the difference between having your mind set on earthly things or living as a citizen of Heaven?

5. Read and reflect on this scripture please.

Philippians 4:12-13 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through Him who gives me strength.

Let's look at this well known verse in a few translations...

Philippians 4:13 English Standard Version (ESV)
I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13 New Living Translation (NLT)
For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:13 New King James Version (NKJV)
13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

How do we do ALL things through Christ?

Have you ever been strengthened by Christ? What was it like? How did it happen?

What do you think is the difference between having the peace of Christ that Paul discusses in Philippians 4:7 and the strength of Christ that we see in Philippians 4:13?