



BYOB READ TOGETHER: PHILIPPIANS

WEEK 5 - WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

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OVERVIEW

Paul concludes his letter with final encouragements for his readers to focus their energy and mind on things of Christ. By shaping our entire lives around the call of the gospel, we can find endurance and joy to see us through this valley and into the promised future of redemption which is already breaking into our world.

*I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little.
For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.
Philippians 4:12-13*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you could be remembered for one thing, what would it be?
2. Amy states that "good citizens live in unity". Share one step you could take this week that might begin to build unity with those around you.
3. In Philippians 1:6 Paul states "*And I am certain that God, who began a good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.*" What does the good work that God began in you look like today?
4. In Philippians 4:8, Paul says "*And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix our thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.*" What does that really mean? In today's world, the world in front of the text, what are some examples of what we would be thinking about if we followed Paul's instructions?
5. How does Philippians 4:11-13 point to Christ's sufficiency instead of self-sufficiency? What does Paul say is the secret of living in every situation?
6. What main themes of Paul's letter to the Philippians have stood out to you?
7. Share one piece of practical advice that you plan to put into practice in order to live as a citizen of heaven while here on earth.
8. How do you see your life "as a participation in the story of Jesus"?

RESOURCES

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