



BYOB READ TOGETHER: PHILIPPIANS

WEEK 3 - CITIZENS OF HEAVEN

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OVERVIEW

Philippi was a Roman colony, where citizenship to the empire was a significant form of self-worth and identity. However, Paul reminds his readers of where their true citizenship lies: in heaven with Christ. Because we are a part of his kingdom, our lives should look like that of our king: self-giving love, compassion, and hope so that we can shine like bright lights in our dark world. Although this kind of living is challenging, it's the path to true life and joy!

Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ.

Philippians 1:27

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe the best neighbor you've ever had. What stood out to you about them?
2. What does Paul mean when he says in Philippians 1:27 "*Above all you must live...conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ*" ?
3. Do you take your citizenship in the new kingdom of heaven seriously? If so, do you enjoy some of the privileges Paul describes in Philippians 2:1?
4. Philippians 2:2-5 says "*Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.*" Do you feel the expectation of how all people who follow Jesus should live has changed? Why or why not?
5. Do you live up to the expectations of citizens of heaven as described in verses 2-5?
6. Why is it important that our words match our actions?
7. How much do I embrace the privilege of suffering?
8. Would your daily life look different if you expected Jesus to return any moment? In what ways?
9. According to Philippians 2:14-16, what actions can we take to shine like bright lights in this dark world?
10. What's the significance of doing all of this "together"?(Philippians 1:27-30)

RESOURCES

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