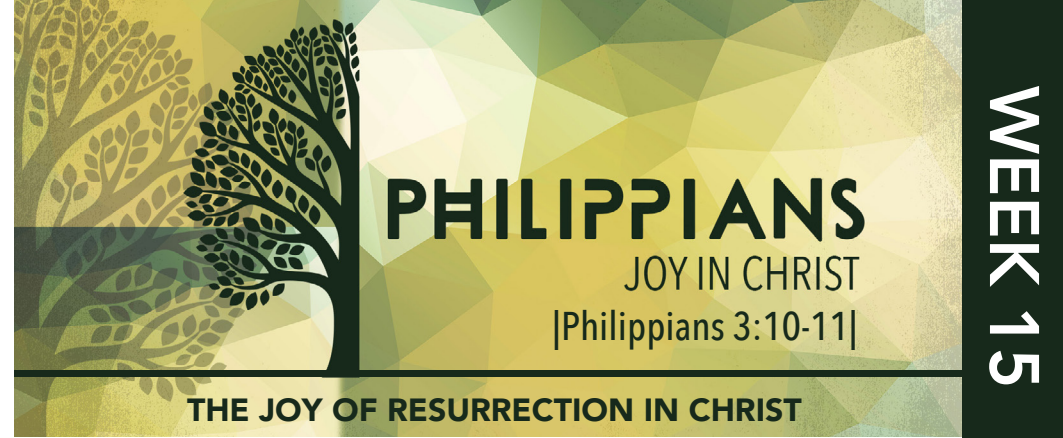


SERMON NOTES:



WESTERN MEADOWS BAPTIST CHURCH
COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE



OPENING THOUGHT

The letter of Philippians was written by the Apostle Paul to the church of Philippi, which he planted himself with Silas and Timothy. Paul wrote the epistle while in prison to the Philippians who were experiencing persecution. But even with both parties suffering for the sake of the gospel, the reoccurring theme of the letter is to rejoice.

So far, Paul has given thanks to God for the Philippians' partnership in the gospel, expressing his great affection for them and praying that their love may abound more and more. He then reassured them that God was providentially using his imprisonment to advance the gospel. Next, he exhorted them to behave as citizens worthy of the kingdom by being united in humility and with the same mind and love. In chapter three, he then began to warn the Philippians against a particular group of legalists who promoted circumcision as necessary for salvation.

Having now expressed his dependency upon the grace of God for righteousness, Paul now proceeds to detail the benefits of knowing and being found in Christ. We can roughly break these benefits into three sections: knowing Christ and the power of His resurrection, sharing in His sufferings, and attaining the resurrection of the dead.

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SUGGESTED VERSES FOR MEMORIZATION & MEDITATION

- Philippians 3:10-11 I that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

GROUP DISCUSSION

READ PHILIPPIANS 3:10-11 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

1. Which verses stood out most to you as you read Philippians 3:10-11 this week? Why? What do these verses teach you about who God is?
2. Why is knowing Christ a benefit of the gospel? In what ways are you coming to knowing Christ more? How can we know the power of Christ's resurrection?
3. What are Christ's sufferings? What does it mean for us to share in Christ's sufferings? How do we become like Christ in His death?
4. What is the resurrection of the dead and why is vital to Christianity? Why does Paul say that he will attain it by any means possible? Is attaining the resurrection your desire? How is that desire displayed in your life?

PERSONAL REFLECTION

Because all Scripture profits us through teaching, reproof, correcting, and training us, reflect upon the studied text, and ask yourself the following questions about the present text

- What has God taught you about Himself?
- What sin is God convicting or reproofing you of?
- How is God correcting you?
- How is God training and equipping you for righteousness?

PRAY AND FAST FOR EAST ASIA

- Pray and fast for your role in this mission partnership with Tower Town. Pray for an open heart to go and/or to support it.

Western Meadows Community Groups

Mays / Tuesday @ 6:30

Whitleys / Tuesday @ 6:00

Richards / Thursday @ 6:00

Newtons (Spanish) / Monday @ 5:30

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