

Ridgetop Fall '23 Small Group (Wed. 6:30pm) :: Philippians

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Philippians 1:21

When: Tuesdays @ 6:30pm

Where: Krumrey's Apartment (800 West 38th St. #3301; ATX 78705)

Why: Grow in our relationship with Christ and each other.

What: Scripture study in Philippians and a weekly check-in for prayer and support. Each group member will commit to attend weekly meetings and in the event of a scheduling conflict will text Robert (4133747532). Group members will also commit to reading assigned passages and prayerfully reflecting on those passages before arriving for group time.

Schedule

Date	Read	Question for Reflection
9/6/23	Philippians 1-4	Background, Outline, Themes
9/13/23	Philippians 1:1-11	What is the "good work" that God is doing in Christians and how (according to this passage) is he accomplishing that work?
9/20/23	Philippians 1:12-18	How would you describe (based on this passage) the Apostle Paul's perspective on suffering?
9/27/23	Philippians 1:19-29	What is the "manner of life" that Paul is encouraging the Philippians to embrace? How does he expect that to be accomplished (according to this passage) in their daily lives?
10/4/23	Philippians 2:1-11	How does Christ's example of becoming human, dying on a cross, rising from the dead, and final exaltation help us understand our "manner of life" as Christians?
10/5/23	Philippians 2:12-18	What does Paul mean when he says that the Philippians are "lights in the world" and how do they go about becoming that?
10/18/23	Philippians 2:19-30	Why are Timothy and Epaphroditus so important to Paul and why does he want them to be esteemed by the Philippians?
10/25/23	Philippians 3:1-11	What has Paul "lost" as a result of following Jesus and what has he gained?
11/1/23	Philippians 3:12-4:1	What does Paul's use of a race as a metaphor for the Christian life communicate about what it's like to be a Christian?
11/8/23	Philippians 4:2-9	What teachings does Paul give in this passage for daily Christian living?
11/15/23	Philippians 4:10-23	How would you summarize Paul's perspective on his interaction with material wealth in light of his relationship with God?

Philippians

1. Acts 16:12-40 (The planting of the church at Philippi)
 - a. What can be derived from this passage that can help us understand more about the people in the city of Philippi?
2. Outline
 - a. Salutation, Thanksgiving, Prayer (1:1-11)
 - b. Paul's suffering (1:12-26)
 - c. Exhortations to the church (1:27-2:18)
 - d. Warning and Encouragement (2:19-4:1)
 - e. Final words of exhortation, encouragement, and gratitude (4:2-23)
3. Overview
 - a. Philippi was a Roman colony meaning they had all of the rights and privileges of those who were in Rome. A kind of Roman embassy tasked with establishing Roman culture in their part of the world. (Phl 2:14)
 - b. Forms of the word "joy" are found 16 times in the book. (Phil 4:4)
 - c. Paul is writing from prison and the Philippians have sent support with Epaphroditus who Paul is sending back with this letter. (Phl 4:14-16)
 - d. Paul has heard of reported disunity in the church (from Epaphroditus) and wants to address it. (Phl 3:15 & 4:2,3 and the frequent use of the word "all" to appeal for unity)
 - e. Supremacy of Jesus is communicated throughout the letter. (Phl 1:21, 3:7-10)