

PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOSPEL

A STUDY IN PHILIPPIANS

Community Group Questions Oct 4, 2020 **Citizens of Heaven Philippians 3:17-21**

Kicking Things Off

Share about a person in your life who mentored you or that you looked up to as an example. How did they impact you?

Getting Into It

Read the passage, Phil. 3:17-21

Paul tells us to follow his example (see 1Cor. 11:1 too). Review what we've seen so far from Paul in Philippians and what we know about his life from other passages. What does it look like for us to follow his example?

Why is it so incredibly important for our walk with Jesus to have living examples to follow and learn from? Why is community essential to our Christianity?

In contrast to Paul's example, he has a warning for us in 3:18-19. What is that warning about? What do we learn from it?

See 3:20-21. What does it mean to be a citizenship of heaven? Where does that anchor our hope? (see also Eph. 2:19, 1Pet. 2:11-17)

How does our citizenship in heaven intersect with being an American? Or does it at all?

What is the role of an ambassador?

As citizens of heaven, we are called to be ambassadors for our King in the foreign country we reside. What does that look like for us?

What kind of reaction will you get from those around as you weigh in on God's perspective about things that God calls sin? What does that tell you about our culture?

Our hope is not in our government or political system, it is in God and the gospel to produce true heart change. However, God's ways always bring life to culture, even if that culture has rejected God, because living God's way always leads to life. How do we navigate these waters as Christ followers and His representatives of His kingdom?

How does the fact that Jesus has all things in subjection to Himself encourage you as a resident alien in this world?

The Parting Shot

Read 1Tim. 2:1-3. In these verses, what is our aim? Spend some time repenting, praying for our world and trusting in Jesus.

