

Philippians Discussion Questions  
09.24.17

Leader Prep Section

Take time before your small group meeting to prepare by reading through the questions and scripture passage so that you can select 4-5 questions that are best suited to your group.

Try to work through at least one question from each of the sections - Hook, Book, Look, Took in order to move from observation to application.

When possible spend time in prayer for each member of your group.

**Hook - Ice breaker type questions to help make the transition into the study time.**

1. Who in your past was able to see and affirm who you could be? Who you could become? Tell about it.

Read Philippians 1:27 – 30

**Book - These questions are designed to get you into the text itself.**

1. Verse 27 has the phrase “conduct yourselves” which could be more accurately translated “carry out your citizenship”. What is the significance of Paul’s “citizenship” language here and in Philippians 3:20?
2. What is the relationship between the imperative of verse 27 (carry out your citizenship) and the indicative of verse 27 (the announcement of the gospel of Jesus)?
3. Why do you think this is the first command of the letter?
4. What are the 3 things Paul hopes to know about the Philippians? (stand firm in one Spirit, strive together as one for gospel, not be frightened in any way)
5. Why do you think these are the things Paul hopes to see?

**Look - These questions will take you on a deeper look at what the passage means for us today.**

1. What is at stake if a church doesn’t see itself as a Kingdom community but rather as a loose collection of individuals?
2. How can a church ground itself in the indicative, remind itself that all that we do flows out of the gospel of Jesus?
3. Tell about a time you saw a church or small group or other Christian group really bring heaven down to earth in a tangible way.

**Took - These questions are focused on applying the big idea from the text to our lives.**

1. If Jesus spoke to your small group as a group, what would he say is your true identity? How might he say, “this is who you already are”?
2. If Jesus spoke to our whole church, what would he remind us that is true about us as a church community?
3. What are ways your small group in the past has lived and related as kingdom citizens in your life together?
4. How might Jesus be inviting your group to relate as kingdom citizens this coming year?
5. If Satan was going to attack the unity of your group, how might he go about it?
6. If Satan was going to attack the unity of our church, how might he go about it?
7. What does this passage make you want to pray?

Pray