

Philippians Discussion Questions 10.15.17

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. There are YouTube videos called "People are awesome!" What reminds you that people have this incredible nobility about them, that they are made in the Image of God?
2. We have these in life where we feel "the world shouldn't be this way." What is a time you have had one of those moments?

Background

When Adam and Eve were in the Garden of Eden their sin was wrapped up in their desire to be equals with God. That desire led to all sorts of suffering and broken relationships for all time. When Jesus entered the world he was truly the equal to God and yet he did use that as a way to put himself above or separate from the rest of us. Paul writes in this section about the undoing of what Adam and Eve did in the Garden.

Read Genesis 3:1 – 6 and Philippians 2:5 -11

Questions:

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

1. How would you summarize the Genesis story for someone who has never heard it before?
2. How does this text allude to the story of Genesis in telling the story of Jesus?
 1. What are the parallels/connections? What are the differences?
3. Why do you think Paul makes this allusion?
4. How would you say salvation "works" in this passage? How is that similar or different than how you normally think about it?
5. How does Paul seem to think this should impact his readers lives?

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

1. What is the character of God revealed in this passage?
2. What would it look like if someone completely believed God's character to be like this?
3. How does the worldview in this passage differ from the worldview of culture?
4. What would it look like if someone truly believed this worldview?
5. What are "to do's" or commands of this passage?

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

1. What surprised you about this passage?
2. What challenged you about this passage?
3. What do you feel God inviting you to believe?
4. Are there any actions you feel God inviting you to take this week because of this passage?

Closing

As you close your time together spend some time praying for one another that we would each be able to be more like Jesus and less like Adam and Eve. We all need to strive to be of one spirit and mind with Jesus by not trying to be like God. Truths like this can help us keep perspective when life comes crashing in around us.

Reminder: The goal and highest achievement for those who follow Jesus as their King and Savior is to live like him.