

## Philippians Discussion Questions 11.05.17

### 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 was a hero of yours when you were a kid?
2. Why do you think having role models to follow is important?

### Background

Paul continues in his letter, building off the argument from last week that we are to stay focused on the goal to win the prize that God has called us heavenward. That is the context for the next section as Paul prepares to close out his letter. Paul's emphasis shifts slightly to address the fact it is more important to choose the right people to use as a model for how to live. He closes this section with a call to two women who were causing division because of a disagreement.

Read Philippians 3:15-4:3

### Questions

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

1. Who does Paul encourage the Philippians to join together and follow as an example?
2. What is the destiny of those who are enemies of Christ?
3. As the Philippians wait for their Savior from Heaven what does Paul urge them to do in verse 4:1?

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

1. What impact do you think living as someone who is focused on moving forward toward the goal set before us in Jesus will have on those around you?
2. What is required to be a role model that is contrary to those who are enemies of Christ?
3. What, do you think, it will take for us at Hillcrest to live into the direction Paul gives in 4:1?

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

1. How can each of us be the kind of example that Paul is calling for to those in our schools, work places, homes, and neighborhoods?
2. How do we create an example for anyone who are looking for a role model that counters those who are enemies of Christ?
3. If we choose to accept the direction given by Paul, what will the impact be in our church and communities?

### Closing

Words are matter, but actions often leave a more lasting impact. What actions will you take this week to live into the call in this part of Paul's letter to live in a way that makes you a great role

model of faithfully following Jesus? Spend some time praying together for opportunities and courage to take these steps.

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