

Philippians

TO LIVE IS CHRIST

LOOK BACK

For some, this is our second week to meet and for others it is your first week! Welcome back! Let's open up with some general questions and see how everyone is doing!

Care for one another

1. How are you? Share a *highlight* and a *challenge* from your week.

Accountability

2. How did you grow this week? Did you pursue and obey Jesus? In what way?
3. Did you share Jesus with others this week? Do you find it difficult to share the Gospel with people?

OPEN UP

Whether you were in church growing up or if Sunday was your first time ever attend church, we all have a local church history. Share your story with the group. What did you love about that church? Do you share Paul's affection and thankfulness as you look back?

LOOK UP

1. Read Philippians 1:3-11
2. What are some themes that immediately stand out to you as you read this?
3. How are you encouraged by Paul's words and apparent affection for this Church?
4. Read Philippians 4:14-16. Why do you believe the relationship was so strong?
5. The Church at Philippi loved Paul well and poured out resources for him; Paul loved the Church well and poured himself out for the Church. What reciprocal principles can we learn and apply to our friendships in general and to our fellowship as a church?
6. Jared mentioned that we are the most "connected" culture in human history, yet one of the "loneliest". Do you agree? Why, or why not?
7. The truth is human friendships eventually will let us down. Martin Luther wrote, "God's friendship is more precious than that of the whole world." Is it encouraging to you that you have a true friend that will never let you down? How does that truth help you this week?

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LOOK FORWARD

1. What from Philippians 1:3-11 personally shapes how you see the upcoming week?
2. What from Philippians 1:3-11 do you need to obey this upcoming week?
3. How can the group be praying for you this week? (End in prayer)