

Community Group Guide
Phillipians Week 2
“Courage for Continuing in the Faith”
Week of April 26

Check-in

1. What lessons did you learn from your time in the Word this week?
 2. What has God done in your life that's encouraging over the past 2 weeks?
 3. Last week we talked about where we need to be stretched to grow as followers of Christ. Has God revealed any other areas where you need to be stretched this past week?
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Scripture

Read *Phillipians 1:12-20*

Key Points From Message

1. The culture will oppose Christianity
 2. God turns obstacles into opportunities
 - a. God creates personal opportunities for you to advance the gospel in the midst of the obstacles you're facing
 - b. God uses your perseverance through obstacles to motivate others in the gospel
 3. The goal of the Christian life is that Christ is glorified in everything
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Discover

1. What stands out to you in this passage of Scripture?
2. In verse 14 how does Paul describe how others are spreading the gospel due to his imprisonment?
3. In verse 18 Paul says, “what does it matter?” What is he referring to? What is his answer?
4. In verse 20 what is Paul's hope?

Deepen

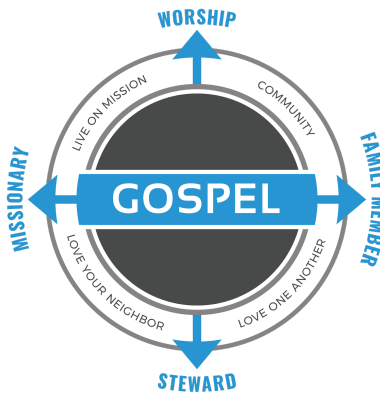
1. What challenged you about this week's message?
 2. In verse 13 we see that the whole imperial guard knew Paul was imprisoned because he was running after Jesus. Do the people you interact with everyday notice you are running after Jesus?
 3. In verse 12 Paul explains that his imprisonment has helped to advance the gospel. In verse 14 we see that Paul's imprisonment has not just given him the opportunity to share the gospel, but it has given others confidence to share the gospel fearlessly. What opportunities are there to advance the gospel in the current obstacles you are facing?
 4. How many people are motivated in their faith because they've watched your faith in action?
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Discipleship Group Framework

D-group discussions in smaller gender-specific groups help to reveal our blind spots to sin. If this week is a D-group week, the discussions should be focused on confession of sins, providing accountability, and encouraging each other to live in the gospel. This time allows us to better evaluate our relationships, emotions, and circumstances.

Action Step

We live in a culture that tells us to do whatever feels right, that our happiness should be our primary motivation. The gospel tells us that our primary motivation should be to honor Christ with the way we live, work, and carry out our relationships. Examine what your primary motivation is throughout the day and identify any areas or situations where honoring Jesus is not the primary motivation.



Missions Focus: Local Food Pantries

Must Ministries

Must Ministries is a local organization founded in 1971 with the mission of being a servant leader for the communities in Marietta, Smyrna, Canton, and Cherokee County. Must Ministries helps to connect those who have a desire to help with those who need help the most. With the school closings, Must Ministries is collecting food to help feed at-risk students and their families. For more information go to mustministries.org.

Mosaic Church

Mosaic Church is a member of the SBC and the main food distribution point for local schools in the West Cobb area. They are currently collecting non-perishable food donations for the 1500 families that they serve. Donations can be dropped off at Mosaic Church (1528 Austell Rd, Marietta, Ga 30008) Mon-Thur from 9am-4pm. Go to <http://www.mosaicmarietta.org/covid19.html> for more information or to sign up to help pack boxes/monitor the computer lab for kids who are out of school.

Fair Oaks Elementary School

Fair Oaks Elementary School is one of the schools we have partnered with. They are currently in need of non-perishable food items (spaghetti, ramen, mac & cheese; foods that only need water and a microwave), diapers, and baby formula/food. Donations can be dropped off at Fair Oaks between 10am-noon (407 Barber Rd, Marietta, Ga 30060).

Go to <https://www.imageatl.com/covid19/serve/> for more information.

Prayer

Father thank you for loving us and allowing us to know You. Help us to make honoring Christ our primary motivation in everything we do. Help us to view our obstacles through Your eyes so we can see the opportunities to advance Your Kingdom. Thank you for always being with us and giving us the strength to overcome the desires of the world.

Memory Verse

"I know how to make do with little, and I know how to make do with a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being content--whether well fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need. I am able to do all things through him who strengthens me." -Philippians 4:12-13 (CSB)

Announcements

- There will be no physical gathering on **Sunday May 3**. We will be broadcasting the service at 10:30am from our [website](#) and our [youtube channel](#)
- We've started a church-wide Psalms reading plan that will run into September! You can find the **daily** reading [here](#)
- Starting this week every **Wednesday** at **noon** we will be having a church-wide prayer call. During this time we will pray through one of the psalms to help stop and reorient our hearts around who God is and what He has done. Click [here](#) to join. Meeting number: 710 896 433; Password: Pray2gether.
- Every Thursday at 8pm join Pastor Mike on [Instagram](#) live as he answers questions!