

Community Group Guide
Phillipians Week 3
“To Live is Christ”
Week of May 3

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. Who did you share the gospel with?
 4. Where has God revealed that following Christ is not your primary motivation
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Scripture

Read *Phillipians 1:21-30*

Key Points From Message

Anything other than Jesus that characterizes your life, robs you of the joy that is found in following Jesus. It doesn't make sense in light of the life that Christ has purchased for you.

Three hindrances when it comes to our lives making sense in light of the gospel

1. Living with a temporary perspective - when we are citizens of heaven
2. Trying to do it alone - when we should be unified with other believers through the local church
3. Fear - we fear man more than God when we should have confident and courageous faith

Other scripture referenced: *James 4:14; Romans 8:17; Ephesians 2:18-19*

Discover

1. What stands out to you in this passage of Scripture?
2. In verse 21 when Paul says to live is Christ, what does he mean?
3. In verse 24-26 why does Paul say it is necessary for him to stay?
4. In verse 28 what does Paul say is a sign of our salvation?

Deepen

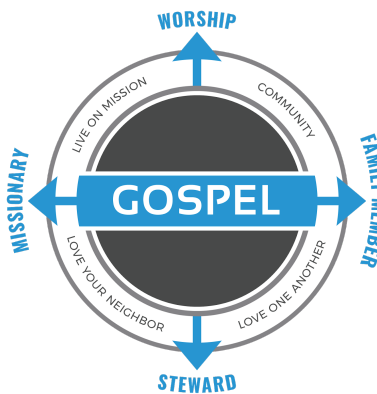
1. What challenged you about this week's message?
 2. Has Jesus been compartmentalized in your life or does He characterize your entire life?
 3. Looking honestly at your own life, fill in the blank: to live is _____?
 4. When things get challenging, where or who do you turn to?
 5. What is your motivation when it comes to following Jesus?
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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

Paul was able to confidently say “to live is Christ.” Is this a statement you can honestly say encompasses your everyday life. With your community group discuss which of the three hindrances (living with a temporary perspective, trying to do it alone, and/or fear) keeps you from completely following Christ.



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 first and sending Jesus to die for us. Help us to remember we are citizens of heaven so that we live with an eternal perspective. Thank you for giving us the local church and providing other believers to encourage and support us when times get tough. Help us to admit and overcome the fear we have of man and live with confident and courageous faith.

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 10**. We will be broadcasting the service at 10:30am from our [website](#) and our [youtube channel](#)
- We have a Psalms reading plan that will run into September! You can find the **daily** reading [here](#)
- Every **Wednesday** at **noon** there is a church-wide prayer call. During this time we 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 or call 1-408-418-9388. Meeting number: 710 896 433; Password: Pray2gether.
- Every Thursday at 8pm join Pastor Mike on [Instagram](#) live as he answers questions!