

Community Group Guide

Phillipians Week 6

“Shining Stars”

Week of May 24

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. Do you have an attitude of humility?

Scripture

Read *Phillipians 2:12-18*

Key Points From Message

- Christianity is a life that's characterized by gospel centered obedience
- Christianity isn't just “be different,” it's “make a difference”
- The Christian life is a labor of love that the church does together
- Two questions
 - a. Is your life a shining star in this dark world for the glory of God?
 - b. Can you say with Paul that you're pouring out your life for the sake of the gospel?

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 sin, providing accountability, and encouraging each other to live in the gospel. Focus on the questions under the “Discover” section and how this week's Scripture relates to our lives.

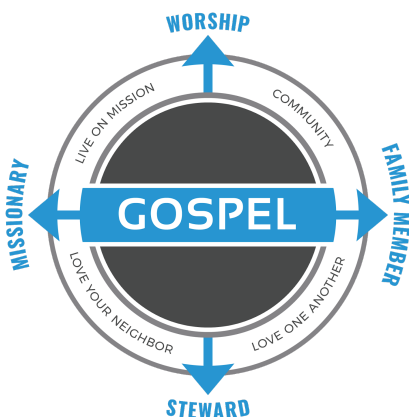


Image Church Core Values

When the gospel defines our lives it should impact everything we do. Living by the gospel should cause us to:

- Grow towards God through daily worship
- Love one another by gathering as family members
- Mobilize as missionaries for God's kingdom
- Be more generous stewards as we leverage our time, talents, and treasures for Christ.

As we study and discuss the text from this week evaluate how you can grow in each of these four areas.

Discover

1. What stands out to you in this passage of Scripture?
2. What does the text say about the character and nature of God?
3. What does the text say about the work of God?
4. What does the text say about our identity?
5. How does this change the way we live?

Deepen

1. What challenged you about this week's message?
2. Is your life characterized by gospel centered obedience? Do you feel the Spirit restore you when you fail by driving you back to Jesus?
3. Are you more focused on being different than the rest of the world or on making a difference?
4. Do you talk about Christ and focus on the gospel throughout your everyday life or just in the big moments?

Action Step

At the end of the message Pastor Mike asked two questions: is your shining star in this dark world and can you say that you are pouring out your life for the sake of the gospel? What are your answers to these questions? Discuss the answers with your community group.

For next week read *Philippians 2:19-30*

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 the gift of salvation. Thank you for dying for us so that we can know you. Help us to focus on You in every aspect of our lives so we can be shining lights in the world. Help us to have an attitude of humility so we can live blameless and pure.

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)
