

Community Group Guide

Phillipians Week 7

“Imitation”

Week of May 31

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. Are you pouring out your life for the sake of the gospel?

Scripture

Read *Phillipians 2:19-30*

Key Points From Message

- The interest of Jesus Christ is others!
- Paul's affirmation and honor toward Epaphroditus isn't simply because of what he did, it was because of why he did it.
- Imitation in the Christian life is just as important as information about the Christian life.

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.

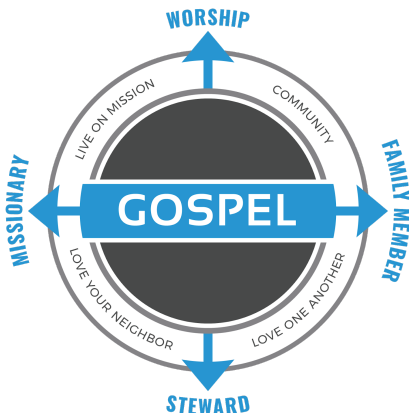


Image Church Core Values

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 there an area of your spiritual life that has not grown up? What next step do you need to take?
3. Who is investing in your life? Who have you completely opened up your life to?
4. Who are you investing in? Who are you a spiritual mother or father to?

Action Step

Evaluate if you've opened up your life to others or if you are trying to pursue your Christian walk alone. Is there an area of your spiritual life that needs to grow up? Discuss this with your community group and the next steps that you need to take. Identify who you can imitate in your spiritual walk and who you can invest in.

For next week read *Philippians 3:1-11*

Missions Focus: Local Food Pantries

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 or diapers for the 1500 families that they serve. Donations can be dropped off at Mosaic Church (1528 Austell Rd, Marietta, Ga 30008) Mon-Thur. They especially need help boxing food on Tuesdays (9am-4pm) or with distribution on Thursdays (12-2pm or 4-6pm). Go to <http://www.mosaicmarietta.org/covid19.html> for more information.

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 not expecting us to follow you alone. Thank you for creating the church so we can encourage and help one another. Help us to learn from and lean on each other so we can grow closer to You.

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)
