

## Community Group Guide

### Philippians Week 10

### “Five Challenges for Christian Maturity”

### Week of June 21

#### 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?

#### Scripture

Read *Philippians 3:15-21*

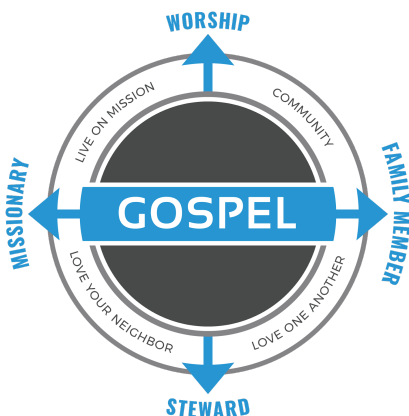
#### Key Point From Message

5 Challenges:

1. Have you seen a track record of God showing you where you need to grow?
2. Stop looking for new information at the expense of disregarding what you already know.
3. Are you living according to the example we have in Paul who shows us what it looks like to follow Christ?
4. Are you living counter to Paul by being ruled by your desires instead of Christ?
5. Do you really believe Jesus will transform your body into the likeness of His glorious body and the hope that comes with that?

#### 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.

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**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. Go through the five challenges listed under the message notes and answer each one with your group.

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**Action Step**

Where is God showing you that you need to grow? Discuss with your group what areas God has revealed to you that you need to grow in. Discuss what areas you can start leading others in their spiritual development.

For next week read *Philippians 4:1-9*

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**Missions Focus: South Africa**

This month we were planning to take our first international mission trip as a church to South Africa to partner with Julius and Brittany Tennial. The Tennals serve in Johannesburg, where they have been working to form a gospel-centered community. They've done this through neighborhood outreaches, working in partnership with their local church, and getting to know their neighbors and people in their community and inviting them to bible studies. They've recently had their first child and are planning to return to the US in October.

Pray for wisdom for them as they transition and seek next steps, for the ministry to continue and grow, and for the people of Johannesburg to come to know Jesus.

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**Prayer**

Father, thank you for the gift of salvation. Let the Spirit remind us that our citizenship is in heaven. Keep us from living as enemies of Christ. When we wander, draw us back to You. Help us to keep our eyes focused on you so we can overcome the temptations of the flesh.

**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)

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