

Week of February 19, 2018

Philippines 3:15-4:1

Gripped by the Future

15 Therefore, let all of us who are mature think this way. And if you think differently about anything, God will reveal this also to you. 16 In any case, we should live up to whatever truth we have attained. 17 Join in imitating me, brothers and sisters, and pay careful attention to those who live according to the example you have in us. 18 For I have often told you, and now say again with tears, that many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their end is destruction; their god is their stomach; their glory is in their shame; and they are focused on earthly things, 20 Our citizenship is in heaven, and we eagerly wait for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. 21 He will transform the body of our humble condition into the likeness of his glorious body, by the power that enables him to subject everything to himself. 4:1 So then, my dearly loved and longed for brothers and sisters, my joy and crown, in this manner stand firm in the Lord, dear friends.

Questions:

- When was a time you felt like life was stuck at a 6 out of 10?
- Which sign of having a mind set on earthly things best describes you? Why?
 - Always living in another story (end is destruction)
 - Controlled by your desires (God is their belly)
 - Exchange the Future for the present (Glory in their shame)
- Read v. 20-21 what gives you hope about sharing in Jesus future.
- We grip the future when we:
 - have perspective (15-16)
 - Study with relational coaches because Imitation requires intimacy (v. 17)
 - Employ ourselves as people to imitate like Paul (v. 17)
 - Persevere always (v. 4:1)
- Which one of these 4 stood out to you the most? Why?
- Who is someone who coached you in Jesus?