Wednesday Evening Bible Study – Spring 2022 April 13th, 2022 Paul's Letter to the Philippians

Schedule (Tentative)
Week 12 (04/13): Philippians Wrap Up ******Week 13 (04/20): NO BIBLE STUDY
***NEXT STUDY: What Methodists Believe and Why it Matters - Beginning Wednesday, April 27th
Week 1 (04/27): Historical Context – From Wesley to United Methodist Week 2 (05/04): Our Theological Task Week 3 (05/11): Grace and Salvation Week 4 (05/18): Two Beautiful Hands – Works of Piety and Works of Mercy Week 5 (05/25): Church Polity – Belief influencing action
Week 12 (04/13): Wrap Up
<u>Prayer for Illumination – Read Together</u> Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as your scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen
Philippians Wrap Up
What is most important for our church family to hear and learn from this letter summer?
Which sections of this letter have been most valuable for you over these last 12 weeks and why?

For next week: **No Study**

Philippians Sessions:

- Week 01: Overview and Philippians 1:1-2
- Week 02: Philippians 1:3-11 (co-partners in grace)
- Week 03: Philippians 1:12-26 (Christ will be magnified)
- Week 04: Philippians 1:27-2:4 (One Spirit)
- Week 05: Philippians 2:5-11 (Christ Hymn)
- Week 06: Philippians 2:12-18 (Shining as Lights)
- Week 07: Philippians 2:19-30 (Timothy and Epaphroditus)
- Week 08: Philippians 3:1-11 (Confidence in the flesh)
- Week 09: Philippians 3:12-21 (Pressing toward the goal)
- Week 10: Philippians 4:1-9 (The God of peace)
- Week 11: Philippians 4:10-23 (Exhortation & Wrap up)
- Week 12: Philippians Conclusion

What Methodists Believe – Class Overview

Purpose: This class exists so that our church might develop a deeper understanding of the theological foundations that make Methodism a unique expression of faith. Our hope is that by the end of this class, you will have a deeper understanding of the belief system that shapes the church you call home and, more importantly, why that matters for your life.

Lesson Overview:

- 1. Historical Context: From Wesley to United Methodism
- 2. Intro to Our Theological Task
- 3. Grace and Salvation
- 4. Two Beautiful Hands: Personal Piety & Social Holiness
- 5. Church Polity: Belief influencing Action

Bibliography:

- 1. Wesley and the People Called Methodists
- 2. The Extreme Center
- 3. Responsible Grace
- 4. John Wesley: Holiness of Heart and Life
- 5. Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It
- 6. The Lyrical Theology of Charles Wesley
- 7. The United Methodist Book of Discipline
- 8. The United Methodist Hymnal

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