



## **Discussion Guide**

**May 3**

### **Philippians 3:15-21**

<sup>15</sup> All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. <sup>16</sup> Only let us live up to what we have already attained. <sup>17</sup> Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.

<sup>18</sup> For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup> Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things.

<sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

### **Philippians 3:15-17**

1. Paul calls mature believers to adopt 'such a view of things.' What do you think he is referring to? Why do you think that?
2. Why do you think Paul invites the Philippians to follow his example and observe the example of others?
3. How can having faithful examples around us help us grow in our spiritual lives? Can you tell about a time someone's faithful example helped you in your spiritual growth?

### **Philippians 3:18-19**

4. Paul speaks with deep emotion about those who live as “enemies of the cross of Christ.” What attitudes or priorities characterize their way of life?
5. Why do you think Paul emphasizes that their “mind is set on earthly things”?
6. In what ways can believers today be tempted to drift toward an earthly focus rather than a Christ-centered one? How can they fight that temptation effectively?

### **Philippians 3:20-21**

7. Paul reminds the believers that their citizenship is in heaven. How might that truth shape the way we think about our identity and priorities?
8. What hope does Paul point to when he speaks about the return of Christ?
9. How does the promise that Christ will transform our “lowly body” encourage perseverance in the present?
10. In what ways might remembering our ultimate citizenship help us live differently in the world today?