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TALK ABOUT IT



PHILIPPIANS

A LETTER FROM LOCKDOWN

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TEACHING OVERVIEW

Pastor Ken continued the teaching on the book of Philippians. This week we looked at chapter 3. We can always find joy in our lives through an active knowledge and faith in Christ. We all are called to continue to refine this faith and share it with others.

Encouragement

What was something new you learned in chapter 2, either through the teaching or through your own reading?

What attitude did you choose this past week? Who did you serve this week?

Scripture & Discussion

Read: Philippians 3

Discuss

1. Verse one starts out saying "rejoice in the Lord." This is a choice we all can make daily with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. How can we live out this verse in our lives, in the midst of hard or uncertain times?
2. Paul shares that to gain Christ is the most important thing. How do we we "gain" Christ? Do you feel like you have gotten to that place in your life? Do you fee like you can gain more of Him than you currently have?
3. In verse 8, the word "know" in the original language is "gnosco." This word refers to an active, first-hand experience of knowledge. We are to "gnosco" Christ. How have you experienced Christ at work in your life recently? Do you feel like your desire to "gnosco" Christ is growing, stagnant, or declining? Why do you think that is and what will you do to grow that desire?

4. In verses 12-16, we read that we are to continue "straining towards what is ahead." Growth and development are expected of those who know Christ. What does your journey with Christ look like? How does your past get in the way of moving forward?

5. Pastor Ken concluded the sermon by encouraging us to have three different relationships in our lives where we are influencing and being influenced. Do you have these in your life? If so, which ones and how have you seen these encourage and challenge you in your walk with Christ? If not, why do you think that is and what can you do to have them?

Prayer

Pray as a group that each of you will have people in your life that really know you and you really know them.

Pray that you will continue to know Christ deeply through relationship and your experience of feeling his power and love in your life.

Next Steps

Read Philippians 3 this week. Be aware of what the Spirit may be asking of you through your reading and live it out this week.

Pray about and pursue the three relationships Pastor Ken mentioned we all should have in our lives.