



WEEK 2:

Day 1:

- Read Philippians 1:27 – 2:4
- Spend some time reflecting on the three questions Paul poses in vs 1.
 - o While Paul is asking a presumed positive response, spend some time writing down some answer to the three questions.
 - o Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-7, circle comfort every time it is used in this passage.
- Paul calls for unity using four different phrases, write these phrases out.
 - o What do these mean in your own words? (reading other translations may help)
 - o Why did Paul start and end with the same command?
- Paul follows this with five other pleas to the Philippi church, write these out.
 - o Which of these are hardest for you?
 - o What are some practical ways you can practice that this week?
- What do these passages today say about you?
- What do they say about God
- What is something that God is asking/prompting from you out of these verses?
- What are you going to do about it?

Day 2:

- Read Philippians 2:5-11
- What questions come up when you read the passage?
- Write Philippians 2:5, using a couple different translations.
 - o What is different in each one.
 - o What do you think this passage is asking, in your own words?
- Go back and look at the five requests in vs 3-4. How do you see these attributes demonstrated in vs 6-11?
- What is the significance of this poem? Why is it important to the overarching theme of Philippians?
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Day 3:

- Read Philippians 2:12-18
- This passage acts as a reminder of the main themes of the letter, read this passage and Philippians 1 again. Where do you see overlap/repetition
 - o Why do you think that is important to Paul?
- The second part of vs 12 has deep theological importance. What does this passage tell us about the journey of following Jesus?
- Write out verse 13:
 - o Who is the one working?
 - o God imparts two things to us, what are they?
 - o What does that mean for us as followers of Jesus?
- Verse 15 tells us the impact of obedience to verse 14.
 - o What does Paul say that is? Why do you think it has that affect?
- Verse 16 Paul commands them to “hold onto the word of life,” what do you think he is commanding the Philippi church?
- In verses 17-18 we find a returning to the theme of “joy,” in your own words what does this mean.

**** Charis in Greek means the awareness of God's favor and joy, grace recognized**

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Day 4:

- Read Philippians 2:19-30
- Paul spends some time commending Timothy and Epaphroditus.
 - o What are some qualities that Paul makes note of for each of them?
 - o How do those line up with the request made at the start of Philippians 2?
 - o What impact did they have on Paul and his work?
- Read Philippians
- What common themes do you see as you read as a complete letter?
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Read this prayer each day:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen