



THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

events

Aloha! Thank you for joining us this morning. If you would like to know us better, please visit the welcome table.

Nursery and Kids' Church are available. Parents, please sign-in your children at the nursery.

Annual Meeting Sunday, February 5, immediately after the worship service.

Communion next Sunday.

Pickleball Wednesdays 5:30pm

Kid's Basketball Saturdays noon

Ways to Give:

- Online on our website or app
- Giving box on Sundays
- Mail a check to the church

2022 Budget — Final Numbers

- Budgeted - \$340,000
- Actual Giving - \$361,525
- Actual Expenses - \$335,765

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Andrew Severinsen Philippians 3:17-4:23

Big Idea: Cultivate true unity and steadfastness by thinking rightly and by imitating Paul. Paul ends his letter by thanking the Philippians for their ongoing partnership in the gospel because it lovingly met his needs (although through Christ he can be content in any circumstance) and it greatly pleased God.

• 3:17-4:1 —

• 4:2-9 —

• 4:10-23 —

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GRACE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What does it mean?

- What observations do you have from the last section of the body of Paul's letter and from Paul's concluding remarks?
- What questions do you have?
- How would you paraphrase Philippians 3:17-4:1?
- How would you paraphrase Philippians 4:2-9?
- How would you paraphrase Philippians 4:10-20?

How does it apply?

3:17-4:1

- Who is someone seeking to know Christ that you have imitated? Who are you imitating today?
- How does an awareness of our citizenship impact our thinking, feeling, and behavior today?
- What makes someone an enemy of the cross of Christ? Why might their example be tempting to follow?
- Have you ever experienced strong emotions at the thought of those who are lost in easy-believism, though they claim to be followers of Christ? Explain.
- How can we help support each other to lovingly engage those who walk as enemies of the cross?

4:2-9

- How do you typically handle conflict? Do you avoid it? Do you embrace it? Why?
- How can we help each other to respond to conflict in Christ-like ways?
- What sorts of things occupy your mind? The things that cause you worry, anxiety, fear, or emotional pain? How does your preoccupation with these things affect your relationships?
- When you feel worried, anxious, fearful, or emotionally pained, what do you do to feel better? What would it look like for you to use prayer and your mind to fight for joy and peace?
- Where have you seen God at work in your life for which you are thankful?
- What are the concerns you need prayer for right now? How can we pray for the things that occupy your mind which are causing you to be worried, anxious, fearful, or emotionally pained?

4:10-20

- Is it possible for us to experience the type of contentment that Paul felt?
- How do we gauge how great an impact circumstances have on our contentment?
- Do we believe Jesus is satisfying enough to provide contentment in all circumstances?
- Who are the people you've seen demonstrate this type of contentment?
- In what areas of your life are you struggling to find contentment?
- How can this group encourage you in this struggle?
- Paul calls the Philippians partners. He could have called them donors, supporters, or friends. What does the word "partnership" uniquely convey?
- What does "partnership in advancing the gospel" look like today? At Grace?
- How has your view of God changed/shifted/expanded during our time in Philippians this winter?