

This passed Sunday we heard from Rob Theisen who spoke as part of our installation service for pastor Rob. We were challenged to be the body of Christ together as the Church.

Philippians Overview:

Author and Date: Philippians, like Ephesians, was written by the apostle Paul while he was imprisoned in Rome around A.D. 61.

First readers and their location: During his first missionary journey, Paul brought the good news of Jesus to the city of Philippi as recorded in Acts 16.

Primarily a Gentile population the Roman City was very religious and immoral. Paul was writing a response to the church because they had aided him financially during his imprisonment.



His response was one of thankfulness with teaching about knowing Christ and living the Christian life.

Open-up

Has there ever been a time where you “conducted” yourself in a way that was not really in line with who you were (funny, sad, tragic, etc)? What was it? Why do you think you behaved that way?



Into the Bible

Ask the question, “What does it say?”

Read: Philippians 1:27-2:4

For context look at Philippians 1:19-26. What is Paul's struggle and hope as he leads into 1:27-2:4?

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points...) Ask the question, “What does it say?” (For more help on effective Bible Study see the resources at the back)

What are the outcomes that Paul shares in the text when we “conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel?” (List the positive and negative)

From 2:1-4, what will being united with Christ look like? (See also: Romans 12:10, 1 Peter 5:5)



Into my life

Ask the question, “What does this look like in my life?”

If you could choose two words in response to, “How am I conducting myself in a manner worthy of the gospel,” what would those words be, and why?

What do you think it means and looks like for us to “stand firm in one Spirit?”

What part of the challenge in 2:1-4 do you find the easiest? Which do you find the most challenging? Why?

Other Application Questions:

Is there something to worship or thank God for?

Is there a promise to claim or a truth to believe?

Is there something I am convicted about that I need to work on?

Is there something or someone I need to pray for this week? (Be specific)

Is there any relationship I need to work on?



Into the World

Ask, “**what does this look like in the world?**”

Where do you think your group and our church do well at and need to grow in expressing the kind of lifestyle talked about here? What can you do about it?

Read Philippians 2:5-11 as a prime example of how Christ lived. Spend time praising God for his example and his place as Lord and King.

Prayer List:

My challenge for this week:

More Resources for personal and group use:

<https://www.precept.org/know-gods-word/>

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