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PHILIPPIANS

INTRODUCTION

OUR GOAL

To give you the tools to study the Bible on your own with confidence, providing a better understanding of God and your relationship with Him.

THE PLAN

Each month, we will introduce another book of the Bible and give you some guidance to help you study on your own.

WHAT YOU NEED:

- A Bible you are comfortable marking in.
- Some markers or colored pencils.
- Worksheets we will provide.
- Time (about 30 minutes each day).
- Prayer (we always need God's help as we study the Bible).

BIBLE STUDY METHOD

- Observation | What does it say?
(Interrogate the text: who, what, when, where, and how.)
- Interpretation | What did it mean to the intended audience?
- Application | What did I learn that should affect my life?
(Is there a behavior, attitude, or understanding that should change in my life?)

GOALS (Each is valuable independently, but all three combined will provide the greatest result.)

- Read (hopefully more than once).
- Mark (strategically looking for details that matter).
- Record (lists and labels—themes, places, teaching, prophecies, etc.).



PHILIPPIANS

WHAT REALLY MATTERS

The church at Philippi has sent a special offering to Paul while he's in prison in Rome. They sent it by way of Epaphroditus, who, according to chapter 2, became very ill and nearly died while he was with Paul. In addition to the offering, Epaphroditus also brought to Paul a report about the church at Philippi, and Paul speaks into that report in this letter.

THE BASICS

What kind of literature is Philippians?

Who wrote it? (1:1)

Where was it written? (1:13-14)

Who is it written to? (1:1)

Approximately when was it written?

Why was it written?

LIST THE THINGS YOU LEARN ABOUT PAUL'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CHURCH AT PHILIPPI

(Record the passage where you found it.)

1) *They were partners in spreading the Gospel. (1:3)*

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

6) _____

7) _____

8) _____

9) _____

10) _____

11) _____

12) _____

13) _____

14) _____

15) _____

PAUL'S PRAYER FOR THE PHILIPPIANS

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you _____
and _____. (1:2)

Every time I think of you, I _____ to my God. (1:3)

I make my requests for all of you with _____. (1:4)

God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it
is _____. (1:6)

I pray that your _____ will _____ more and more,
and that you will keep on _____ in _____ and
_____. (1:9)

May you always be filled with the _____ of your _____. (1:11)

What did Paul do to safeguard their faith? (3:1)

*For I want you to understand what really matters, so
that you may live pure and blameless lives until
the day of Christ's return.
Philippians 1:10*

OUR CITIZENSHIP

(Keep in mind that citizenship in Philippi was both a source of pride and an excuse for derision toward non-citizens.)

Above all, you must live as _____ of _____... (1:27)

But we are _____ of _____, where the Lord Jesus Christ _____ (3:20)

What Does That Look Like?

...conducting yourselves in a _____ worthy of the Good News about Christ. (1:27)

...standing together with one _____ and one _____, fighting together for the _____, which is the Good News. (1:27)

Don't be _____ in any way by your _____. (1:28)

You have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of _____ for him. (1:29)

We are eagerly waiting for him to return as our _____. (3:20)

[When Jesus returns] He will take our _____ mortal _____ and _____ them into _____ bodies like his _____... (3:21)

*I trust that my life will bring honor to Christ,
whether I live or die.
Philippians 1:20*

ATTITUDES

How to demonstrate encouragement, comfort, fellowship, and tender, compassionate hearts.

Agree _____ with each other. (2:2)

Love _____ . (2:2)

Work together with one _____ and _____. (2:2)

Don't be _____... (2:3)

Don't try to _____ others. (2:3)

Be _____, thinking of others as _____ than yourselves. (2:3)

Don't just look out for your own _____, but take an interest in _____, too. (2:3)

Emulate The Attitude Christ Jesus Had...

He gave up his _____ privileges; he took the _____ position of a _____. (2:7)

He _____ himself in _____ to God. (2:8)

*Do everything without complaining and arguing,
so that no one can criticize you.
Philippians 2:14-15*

SHINING BRIGHTLY FOR CHRIST

Work hard to _____ the results of your _____. (2:12)

Obey God with deep _____ and _____. (2:12)

Do _____ without _____ and _____. (2:14)

Live clean, _____ lives as _____ of God. (2:15)

Hold firmly to the _____ of _____. (2:16)

What do we learn about Epaphroditus? (2:25-30)

*For God is working in you, giving you the desire
and the power to do what pleases him.
Philippians 2:13*

THE VALUE OF KNOWING CHRIST

Yes, everything else is _____ when _____ with the _____ value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. (3:8)

For his sake I have discarded _____, counting it as _____, so that I could gain _____ and become _____ with him. (3:9)

For God's way of making us right with himself depends on _____ (3:9)

I [Paul] want to know _____ and experience the mighty _____ that _____ him from the _____. (3:10)

I [Paul] want to _____ with him, sharing in his _____, so that one way or another I will experience the _____ from the _____! (3:10-11)

*Everything is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.
Philippians 3:8*

FOCUS CHECKLIST

(See 4:8)

- What is true.
- What is honorable.
- What is right.
- What is pure.
- What is lovely.
- What is admirable.
- Things that are excellent.
- Things that are worthy of praise.



*Keep putting into practice all you
learned and received from me...
Philippians 4:9*

CHAPTER THEMES

Chapter 1

Chapter 2

Chapter 3

Chapter 4