



The Good Life – A Call to Cruciformity

Icebreaker: If you could have an endless supply of any summer treat, what would it be?

Read Together: Philippians 1:1-11 (NIV)

Discuss:

- What is your takeaway as you read the scripture for this section?
- What was the Holy Spirit speaking to you as you listened to Pastor Jason speak?
- Paul was writing to a church for the first time. How do you imagine you would react if you had been part of the Philippian church and received Paul's letter?
- Is it difficult for you to live for Jesus in today's world? Describe some of those difficulties to your group.
- What is Cruciformity?
- What did Paul mean by saying "Grace and Peace to you"?
 - Peace is not the absence of conflict or hostility. It's a world functioning as God designed it to function. Paul was making a pronouncement of Faith. To do things in a manner that God would have you do them. The world as it should be!
 - Paul was aware that people were not at peace at all!!! What is the reason Paul can say that?
 - How can we experience "Shalom"?

Read Together: Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

Discuss:

- Paul understood that the Gospel was not just about your peace, but the world being saturated with the Glory of God. The Church is the avenue of spreading that Glory to the world around us!
- How does the Gospel of Christ reinstate us to our purpose in creation?
- Give some examples of how the Philippian believers aligned themselves with the identity Jesus had given them.
- Who has the most authority to determine the trajectory of our culture?
- Whose job is it to complete the work God has for me to accomplish here on Earth?!

- What would happen if we chose to step aside and say every morning “Holy Spirit, will you use me to build your kingdom? Will you give me words to say and prayers to pray? Where I fail, help me to see it quickly.” Speculate on the results in your relational world...
- What if our prayers were filled with faith instead of fear?
- What if our prayers were filled with expectation instead of vengeance?
- Will you embrace your role as a Steward of God’s kingdom here on Earth?
- Will you trust that it’s through the Power of the Spirit that God is going to use you?

Pray:

Take a few moments to invite the Holy Spirit to speak to you about the direction of your day.

Ask some of the questions from this discussion guide and note what He says to you!