

AMPLIFY our Weekly Message / 3.28.21

These **discussions** and recommended **spiritual practices** are designed to help **AMPLIFY** the impact of our Sunday morning teaching from God’s Word. Choose the ones that fit best in your context.

Sunday Discussion

This is designed to be an extension of our Sunday worship service. Take a few minutes to have this conversation with those who watched the worship service with you. If you watched alone, give another friend who watched alone a call and have the conversation over the phone.

What’s a dangerous message that you’ve encountered that poses as a “Christian message”?
Share something that was said or sung in the worship service that resonated with you.
Take a moment to pray with and for the person with whom you just shared.

Daily Discussion

These are intended for conversation around the dinner table, in the car, or before bed at night (designed for ages 7 and up). Start each conversation by reading the passage listed.

Monday: Philippians 3:1-2. Consider these versions of Christianity today. What do you see as attractive and false about each one: Nationalism, Moralism, Judgmentalism?

Tuesday: Philippians 3:1-2. Consider these versions of Christianity today. What do you see as attractive and false about each one: Liberal Relativism, Religiosity?

Wednesday: Philippians 3:7-8. What is at the heart of true Christianity? What is encouraging and challenging about what these verses present?

Thursday: Philippians 3:7-8. How is this different from treating the Christian faith like a vending machine?

Friday: Philippians 3:7-9. Paul presents knowing Jesus as a treasure far beyond anything else that life has to offer. How have you experienced this? How have you struggled with this

Saturday: What part of Philippians has struck you in your reading of it recently?

Weekly Discussion

Spiritual friends are those who intentionally move into one another's life to spur one another on in spiritual growth for the Glory of God.

1. How has God encouraged or comforted you recently?
2. What's a way that you believe God has used you recently or wants to use you this week?
3. How has God challenged or corrected you recently?

What follows are some spiritual practices that we believe could feed your soul and advance His Kingdom this week.

An Inward-Focused Spiritual Practice

Daily spiritual discipline – Spend some time meditating on Philippians 3:1-9 this week. Consider some of the distorted versions of Christianity presented today and consider Paul's presentation in verse 7-9.

How have you experienced these distortions? To what extent have you been drawn into them? Pray that the Lord would protect you and others from each of these:

Nationalism – being a patriotic American is being a Christian

Moralism – being a good person is being a Christian

Judgmentalism – being judgmental and unwelcoming is being a Christian

Liberal Relativism – being morally inclusive and blindly accepting is being a Christian

Religiosity – “going to church” is being a Christian

Consider Paul's description in 3:7-9. To what extent has this been your experience? What do you find encouraging or challenging about this description?

An Outward-Focused Spiritual Practice

Seek to love those God places in your path. Be intentional to share Jesus's love through word or deed with them.

With the love of Jesus in view, reach out to a neighbor or co-worker or someone in need.

Get involved with one of the Shalom of the City outreach initiatives:

<https://www.covenantpc.org/ministries/shalom-for-the-city/>

Get on our weekly prayer email and start lifting these prayers and praises up to the Lord.